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Hon. William Windom,

October 18, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson be increased One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. William Windom,

Oct. 18, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the Assay Office U.S. at Boise City to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars, (\$2,740.²⁰) in Gold Coin, and Thirty-eight $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars (\$38.²⁷) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-eight $\frac{47}{100}$ Dols. (\$2,778.⁴⁷) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 3348, dated Oct. 8, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 18, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-one $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars in Gold Coin, (\$2,681.28), and Fifty $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars (\$50.15) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-one $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,731.43) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 3347, dated Oct. 8, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Assayer, Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

October 18, 1881.

Forward immediately Annual Statement of earnings and expenditures similar to one on page thirty-eight of my last report.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. Mollers Esq.

Oct. 18, 1881.

Assayer, Boise City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September, 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

October 18, 1881.

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. J. Davis Esq.

Oct. 18, 1881.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Marcelin A. Ledet, Workman in the Coin's department of your institution, bearing date of the 16th inst, forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. William Windom

Oct. 18, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In response to your reference of the letter of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia asking that certain minor coins not fit to be put in circulation again, on account of being mutilated, be transferred to the Mint in that city, I have the honor to state, that I have considered the questions submitted in this letter, and also in a previous reference by you of the letter of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, dated March 31st, 1881,

and present herewith any conclusions as to whether the old coins mentioned in the last described communication, can, under the law be re-coined into minor coins at the present time authorized by law, and if so, whether they can be issued without loss to the Government.

It appears from the statement of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that he had in his possession on the 31st. of March, 1881, held by him for the Treasurer of the United States, the following coins issued under acts in force prior to the passage of the coinage act of 1873, viz:

Old Copper coin	\$ 17,540.91
Copper Nickel One Cents (1857-64)	104,018.71
Bronze Two Cents	10,620.98
Total	\$ 132,180.60

and that he also held, belonging to the Treasurer the following coins issued under the coinage act of 1873, viz:

Bronze One Cent (mutilated)	\$ 1,437.64
Nickel Three Cent "	1960.80
Nickel Five Cent "	2,369.85
Total	\$ 5,968.29

I do not find any authority of law for the Superintendent to receive in exchange for other coins except in the course of current business, any of the last mentioned bronze and nickel coins. The minor coins now authorized to be struck are made exchangeable at par at the Mint in Philadelphia at the discretion of the Superintendent, for any other coins - copper bronze, or copper nickel previously authorized by law. The Superintendent, therefore, has authority to receive from the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the United States if in his judgement, he deems it advisable, the old copper cents, the copper nickel one cents and the

bronze two cents, as mentioned. Authority for the use of such old coins as material for the new coinage is not specifically given in the law; on the contrary by Section 3528, the purchase of metal for the minor coinage is required to be made by public advertisement; but, as the Superintendent was authorized to receive the old coins in exchange for the new, and their issue was not authorized, it may be inferred that it was the intention of the Act that they should be utilized in the manufacture of the new coins.

Such has been the practice at the Mint, and directions to that effect were given both by the Secretary of the Treasury and the then Director of the Mint.

In answer to an inquiry, the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint reports that the copper and copper nickel cents could be re-coined not only without loss but with a gain, by the addition of other metal, and that, on the two cent bronze pieces, there would be an estimated loss of about four per cent.

If the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia is authorized by the Treasurer, or, if necessary, by the Secretary of the Treasury, to exchange, for minor coins now being issued, the old copper, copper-nickel and two cent bronze pieces, belonging to the Treasurer, doubtless the Superintendent will be willing to receive and use them as material for the minor coinage, but such exchange is, by law, discretionary with him.

The papers mentioned in your reference are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. William Windom,

Oct. 15, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. W^m Windom,

Oct. 18, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office U. S. at Boise City to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars (\$2,740.20) in Gold Coin, and Thirty-eight $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars, (\$38.27) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-eight $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars, (\$2,778.27) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 3348, dated Oct. 8, 1881. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. William Windom,

Oct. 18, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be

made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-one ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$2,681.25) in Gold Coin, and Fifty ¹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$50.15) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-one ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$2,731.40) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 3349, dated Oct 8, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

October 18, 1881.

Forward immediately Annual Statement of earnings and expenditures similar to one on page thirty-eight of my last report.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Wollers Esq.
Assayer, Boise City,
Sir:

Oct. 18, 1881.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30, 1881,

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

October 18, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts Abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.
Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

October, 18, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Marcelin A. Bedet Workman in the Coins department of your institution bearing date of the 15th inst, forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount and that of this sum five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and the balance transmitted him in currency and silver coin of the following denomina-

tions viz:

In \$20 notes	<u>\$1,500</u>
" 10 "	<u>1,500</u>
" 50 ^c pieces	<u>1,000</u>
" 25 " "	<u>1,000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. J. Cowles Esq.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased \$10,000 by a transfer of that amount and that \$5,000 thereof be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and the balance transmitted you in currency and Silver coin of the following denominations, viz:

In \$20. Notes	<u>\$1,500</u>
" 10 "	<u>1,500</u>
" 50 ^c pieces	<u>1,000</u>
" 25 " pieces	<u>1,000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

James Crawford Esq.

Oct. 19, 1881,

Supt. Mint, Carson Nev.

Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco instructed by telegraph yesterday to place one hundred thousand dollars in gold to your credit.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Confirmed

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Colorado be increased twenty five thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank, Denver Colorado, by telegraph.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$1,000,000 by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the As-

Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant making requisition for dies for the calendar year 1882.

From the fact that you request a less number of reverse than of obverse dies for gold coinage and no reverse standard dollar dies at all, it would appear that you propose to use in 1882, reverse dies that were sent you for use in 1881.

I have to refer you to the instructions embraced in my letter of October 20, 1880 from which you will see that all obverse dies sent you for 1881, are to be destroyed and all reverse dies sent for that year and not used are to be returned to the Mint at Philadelphia.

The coinage of 1882 will be commenced with an entirely new set of dies numbered in consecutive order for that year. In reporting the destruction and re-shipment of dies, please notify this Office of the numbers of the dies destroyed as well as the numbers of those re-shipped. It is only by a proper observance of the instructions of my letter of Oct. 20th, last, that track can be kept of every die sent you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

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Hon. A. London Snowden

Oct. 19, 1881.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philad^a

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and shipped to the U. S. Mint at Carson the following dies for the Calendar year 1882, viz:

	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagle	2	2
Eagle	2	2
Half Eagle	3	3
Standard dollar	15	15

Please cause these dies to be numbered and recorded.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of September 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Mr. V. Davis Esq.

October 19, 1881.

Supt Mint, U. S.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst was duly received. Mr Jones has not been in my office and I am not aware that he is in Washington. The appointment of Mr Jones as criser has been recommended by Senator Kellogg and Representative Darrell and many of the Federal officers at New Orleans.

All letters and applications for appointment to the office were forwarded to the Secretary on the 17th inst and your letter which was subsequently received has been referred to him for consideration with the other papers.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Joseph Nimmo Esq.

Oct. 19, 1881.

Chief Bureau Statistics.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will be kind enough to furnish me as early as practicable with statements by Countries of the imports and exports of silver coin and bullion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon William Windom

October 20, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 15th inst, I re -

spectfully request, in case it is impracticable to effect a satisfactory transfer, that William F. Ferguson be discharged

In compliance with my former request, a transfer was made and Walter F. Bowen was detailed for the Laboratory of this Bureau where he had formerly worked in a similar capacity with entire satisfaction

Ferguson, however as I am informed, objects, or refuses, to work as fireman, for which duty he was detailed. His conduct, while employed in the Laboratory has not been such as to inspire sufficient confidence that he can safely be trusted with the valuable bullion and material kept there, or that he will become a skilled and reliable labourer in that department, and the Assayer, with good reasons, objects to his employment.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford Esq.

Supt Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nev.

Oct. 20, 1881.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for five blank Mint receipt books, four hundred receipts to each book, and as requested in your telegram, the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis Esq.

October 20, 1881.

Supt Mint U.S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir

Enclosed I forward you a letter to Mr Bonzano in regard to the manufacture of an ingot machine for the San Francisco Mint similar to the one in use in his Department.

It is desirable that the machine be set up and tested before shipment, if it can be done without inconvenience.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. F. Bonzano, Esq.,

Oct. 20, 1881.

Melter and Refiner,

Mint of the U.S. New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. is received. As soon as the Ingot machine is ready for shipment, notify me, and I will give directions as to how it is to be shipped.

You proposed to have it set up in the Mint to test it before sending, and also to have photographs taken from different points of view, showing the machine as set up, and in actual use. Have this done, and the expense will be paid by the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

October 20, 1881.

Sir:

You expressed a desire to have, for the use of the Philadelphia Mint, an Ingot machine similar to the one used by the Meltin and Refiner of the New Orleans Mint. I supposed it ^{was} understood that he was to order one manufactured, notify you when it was ready, and have it shipped; but it seems that his impression is that you were to give the order directly to the maker D. C. McCann, whose address he gave you.

I am decidedly of the opinion that you would find this machine of great advantage and convenience, and that it could be used economically and satisfactorily in your Mint.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank,

Oct. 20, 1881.

San Francisco.

One hundred and fifty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Boston Colorado Smelting Co.,

Oct. 20, 1881.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Handy & Croise, Oct. 20, 1881.
 24 Nassau Street,
 New York.

Two hundred thousand ounces of your offer
 accepted.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer, Oct. 20, 1881.
 San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Oct. 20, 1881.
San Francisco.

Receive from Daniel Meyer forty thousand
 ounces at one hundred twelve and eighty-
 five hundredths cents, and from Anglo Cal-
 ifornian Bank one hundred and fifty thou-
 sand ounces at one hundred twelve and
 ninety-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, October 20, 1881.
San Francisco.

Have you procured and forwarded information
 relative to locality of production called for by
 telegram of seventeenth instant.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram

Jas. B. Colgate & Co

Oct. 20, 1881.

47 Wall Street.

New York

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Bank of California,Nevada Bank,

San Francisco.

San Francisco.

Helmerich & Hansen,Warries,

San Francisco.

San Francisco.

M. M. Tompkins,

San Francisco.

James Crawford Esq.

October 20, 1881.

Supt Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6,000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Pasting and refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Oct. 20, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury

for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties,
at the rates and for the ^{amounts} respectively named, which
you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred
either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assis-
tant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dol-
lars, to wit: of-

Handy & Cronise, 200,000 Ounces, at \$1,1286

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis Esq.

Oct. 20. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made
this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the
Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following
parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively
named, which you will receive and pay for, as
may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by
draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable
in silver ^{dollars}, to wit: of-

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Co. 40,000 Ounces, at 1,1305

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis:

Oct. 21. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith verified list of places
and distances to which standard silver
dollars have been shipped to your Mint.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Messrs Geo. W. Platt & Co.

Oct. 21, 1881.

#4 Liberty Place,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Referring to letter of this office of September 8th last requesting that you furnish me with a statement of the amount of silver bullion derived from ore or base bullion treated at your works during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, by periods of six (6) months each, I have to state that as I have not yet received a reply I presume the letter has been overlooked.

I will be indebted if you will transmit the statements at your earliest convenience as I am now engaged in the preparation of my second report and they are required for immediate use.

I send you by current mail a copy of my first report which has just been issued from the press and beg your acceptance of the same

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

H. R. Wolcott Esq.

Denver, Col.

E. W. Wash Esq.

Omaha,

Nebraska

Messrs. E. Ballbach & Son.

Newark, N. J.

Messrs.

October 21, 1881.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to letter of this office of September 14th last, relative to your furnishing me with a statement of silver bullion handled by you during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, by periods of six (6) months each, with respect to its locality of production (state, territory, or smelting works) and its disposition, I have to state that I will be glad if you can furnish me the same at your earliest convenience, as I have immediate use for it in preparing my second report.

The first report is just from the press. I send you a copy by current mail and beg your acceptance of it.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Messrs.

Messrs.

Wagons & Billings,

New York.

Wagons & Brown,

New York City.

Joseph Nimmo, Esq.

Oct. 21, 1881.

Bureau of Statistics,

Sir:

Your letter of October 20th, enclosing a statement of exports and imports of Silver Coin and Bullion of the United States for the year 1881, has been received, for which accept thanks.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

October 21, 1881.

New Orleans.

Apply surplus received from Boston & Colorado Company on sale of forty thousand ounces yesterday at one hundred thirteen and five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Approved.

Director.

W. Windom,

Secretary.

Confirmed

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

October 21, 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

For the convenience of the Bankers and business of the Pacific Coast, where for heavy transactions a greater amount of gold is employed than in other parts of the country using more generally Paper circulation, it is deemed advisable, and you are instructed to coin a portion of the gold bullion belonging to the Bullion Fund in your Mint into Double Eagles, instead of Eagles, reducing the coinage of the latter, but continuing, as now, to coin the greater ^{part} portion into Half Eagles.

Respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Approved:

Director.

W. Windom,

Secretary.

Telegram Superintendent United States Mint,

Oct. 22, 1881.

New Orleans, La.

The order given by W. A. Steele Acting Supt. of your Mint for manufacture of Ingot machine

should not have included platform, unless especially directed by Supt. San Francisco as cost of transportation would be double the cost of casting at San Francisco. Notify McLean accordingly.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

John A. Grier, Esq.,

October, 22, 1881.

No. 505 N. 4th St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

Sir:

Yours of the 20th inst., and the copy of the "United Service Review" to which it refers have been received for which accept thanks.

I purpose to insert in my next annual report a table showing the comparative purchasing power of gold, as measured by the value of commodities, during the years 1825 to 1880. It would be trespassing upon the duties of another officer should I advise the chief of the Bureau of Statistics to insert this table in the Statistical Abstract he prepares.

Of course he is at liberty to use any tables comprised in my Report if he deems it desirable.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Oct. 22, 1881.

New Orleans.

Transmit statement called for by letter of third instant of ingot melts made, and condemned.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Mr. W. Goble Esq.

October, 22, 1881.

Freight Auditor U. R. Railroad
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Treasury Draft, No. B. 18176) for \$165.⁰⁰ drawn in favor of Samuel J. Cutter in payment of services rendered in connection with the collection of mining statistics. Please favor me by delivering same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Oct. 22, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st instant, requesting that a transfer of \$5345.082.³⁴ in gold bullion be made from your Office to the Philadelphia Mint, and in reply I have to inform you the transfer cannot be made for the reason that the balance to the credit of the appropriation for payment over bullion and coin is not sufficient to pay for the transportation thereof.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Oct. 22, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith additional table of distances of towns to which standard silver dollars have been shipped by your Mint.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

October 24, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclose herewith \$2.⁰⁰ for which I will thank you to send to this Office per registered mail, three large silver, and one small silver Garfield Medals.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 24, 1881.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

October 23, 1881.

Have you sent statement of refinery operations called for by letter of fifth. If not mailed, furnish by wire.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Oct. 23, 1881.

Have you sent statement of refinery operations called for by letter of fifth. If not mailed furnish by wire.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed.

Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

Oct. 25, 1881.

Supt Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One Million Standard Silver Dollars (\$1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Oct. 25, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to ascertain and advise this office the lowest rate at which Messrs Harrison Brothers of your city will deliver to the Mint at New Orleans fifty carboys Nitric Acid 40° Baume.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. W. F. French,

Oct. 25, 1881,

Acty Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. Loudon Snowden Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion of said Mint be increased by a transfer

of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. W. F. French,

Oct. 25, 1881.

Acty Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte to the of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-nine $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars, (\$3,249.⁷⁹/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, and Twenty $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars, (\$20.⁰¹/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Three Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-nine $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars, (\$3,269.⁸⁰/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandums No. 1503 & 1504, dated Oct. 21, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. William Windom

Oct. 25, 1881

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant-Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

A. McKimley, Esq.

Oct. 26, 1881

Pres't. San Francisco Charing House.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing copy of a communication forwarded to the Secretary is received.

Enclosed I send you copy of an order, issued October 21st, by which you will see that the San Francisco Mint has been authorized to execute a portion of the gold coinage in double eagles.

My views as to the propriety of coining the bullion belonging to the Government into denominations suitable for general circulation are expressed on pages 4 and 5 of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

I may add that both Secretary Sherman and Windom as well as President Garfield, were decidedly of the opinion that public policy required the coinage of a large proportion of gold into denominations less than double eagles.

Very respectfully,

Ronald C. Burchard,

Director.

H. S. Dodge, Esq.

Oct. 26, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find bill of Henry Troemer for assay weights forwarded you by registered mail.

You will please remit Mr. Troemer a draft for the amount (\$18.30) on the Assistant Treasurer N. York.

Very respectfully, Ronald C. Burchard

Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.

Oct. 26. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant requesting a transfer of \$345,082.³⁴ in gold bullion from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, I have to state that if you will make up an invoice not exceeding \$4,500,000 in value, the same can be transferred, as there remains of the appropriation for freight on bullion and coin a sufficient sum to pay the transportation on that amount.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
At San Francisco.

Oct. 26. 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of September, 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Superintendent Mint U.S.
At New Orleans.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Oct. 26, 1881.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Superintendents reports "E" and "F" of medals for the quarters ending June 30, and September 30, 1881.

The number of "May. Genl Macomb" medals on hand March 31, are reported as 22 none reported sold, and balance 20 carried forward to next quarter.

On report "I" of quarter ended March 31st, 4 "Allegiance medals" are reported on hand, which were omitted in the opening balance of the next quarter.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

October 26, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100. Monthly Statements of charges on deposits.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Similar letters addressed to

W. L. Dodge Esq.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

San Francisco, Cal.

New York City.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

W. V. Davis Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer in charge
Helena Assay Office.

October, 26, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer, Helena Montana.

Oct. 26, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending July 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison Esq.
Assayer Helena Assay Office.

Oct. 26, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending August 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. W. F. Farnch,

October 26, 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-three $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars, (\$27,533. $\frac{77}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred Ten $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars, (\$210. $\frac{66}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-four $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars (\$27,744. $\frac{43}{100}$) in being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1876, dated Oct. 21st 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

October 26, 1881.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and Thirty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

Oct. 27, 1881.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and forty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, Oct. 27, 1881.
San Francisco.

Seventy-five thousand ounces of your offer accepted.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Helmrich & Hansen Oct. 27, 1881.
San Francisco.

Seventy-five thousand ounces of your offer at one hundred twelve and ninety-eight hundredths accepted, other declined.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer, Oct. 27, 1881.
San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Telegram Bandy & Cronise,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram James B. Colgate & Co. Oct. 27, 1881.
47 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Telegram Bank of California, Nevada Bank,
San Francisco. San Francisco.
Confirmed

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Oct. 27, 1881.

San Francisco.

Receive from Daniel Meyer twenty-five thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and ninety-seven hundredths cents per ounce and from Anglo Californian Bank and Helmich and Hansen each seventy-five thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and ninety-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

October, 27, 1881.

Carson.

Telegraph amount of your Contingent expenses for fiscal year eighty-one requested on tenth instant, if it has not been forwarded.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,

Oct. 27, 1881.

New York.

State by wire the number of standard ounces deducted from deposits for silver bars during the last fiscal year in payment of charges.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Oct. 27, 1881.

Denver.

Telegraph amount of your Contingent expenses for fiscal year eighty-one and close the account as requested on tenth instant.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Oct. 27, 1881.

Statement forwarded nineteenth instant does not show exact profit on silver dollars manufactured.

I shall adopt amount stated in your dispatch of fifteenth instant, five hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred ninety-nine dollars as the profit on coinage for first two quarters, and eight hundred ninety-five thousand six hundred and thirty dollars as profits for last two quarters, - total for fiscal year, one million four hundred thirty-one thousand one hundred thirty dollars.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Oct. 27, 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant-Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit: of-

Bandy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces, at \$ 1.1304

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis Esq.

Oct. 27. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint;

New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company 45,000 Ounces, at, \$1,134.2

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. W. F. French,

Oct. 27. 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Hon. W. F. French,

Oct. 27. 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be

made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars, (\$4,882. $\frac{65}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Fifty-one $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars, (\$51. $\frac{36}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,933. $\frac{77}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 3,559, dated Oct. 14, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver Esq.

Oct. 27, 1881,

Assayer in charge,
Denver Mint.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th, instant in relation to a distilling apparatus for your Mint has been referred to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with the request that the relief asked for be granted.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis Esq.

Oct. 27, 1881,

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and enclosure, also your dispatch of the 22nd instant in relation to the profits on the silver dollars coined at

your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881, I desire to say that I could not verify the amount which you give as the correct profits \$770.315.¹³, and as the time at my disposal was insufficient to allow further correspondence on the subject I have by a careful examination of the subject arrived at what I believe to be the true seigniorage of the year, viz: \$771.023.⁷³ which amount I shall adopt for my annual statement of Earnings and Expenditures.

This amount is divided as follows:

Quarter ended Sept. 30, 1880	<u>\$161.991.⁶²</u>
" " Dec. 31, 1880	<u>180,402.⁵³</u>
" " Mch. 31, 1881	<u>248.070.⁶²</u>
" " June 30, 1881	<u>180.538.⁹⁴</u>

The amounts for the first three quarters agree with those in your letter of the 21st instant.

The difference is in the last quarter which is occasioned by errors in your monthly statement No 193 for June.

I have made this statement out in pencil as it should be rendered, and return it for that purpose, also similar statements for the months of July, August and September which will have to be corrected on account of the opening balance.

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1881 will need correction as the seigniorage in them must be the same as shown by monthly statements No. 193 for April, May and June.

As soon as they have been examined they will be returned, and until that time you will please hold your accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdick,
Actg. Director.

Isaac C. Hasbrouck Esq.
 Rutgers College,
 New Brunswick, N. J.

Oct. 27, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst., relative to Reports on the Precious Metals is received.

The Report prepared by the Director of the Mint has been ordered, by Congress, to be printed for distribution through Senators and Representatives. I have as yet received none for general circulation.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles O'Neill,
 No 1408 South Penn. Square.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 27, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst., requesting that a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint be sent to Col. David Branson, is received.

Seven thousand copies, were ordered, by Congress to be printed for the use of the House, and, I suppose, will be delivered in a few days, but I have as yet received none for general distribution.

I will have a copy sent on your order as requested.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.

October 28, 1881.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

12 Calculation blotters

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

October 28, 1881.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me if the Die for the "Garfield" "Indian Peace Medal" is completed and if so how soon you can strike therefrom twenty-five medals in silver for the Interior Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent-Mint.

Oct. 28, 1881.

Philadelphia.

I have urged action on Ekfeldt's appointment, but President has requested that names for vacancies be not presented until next session, except when absolutely necessary.

Telegraph Senators Cameron and Mitchell necessity for immediate appointment.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson.

Oct. 28, 1881.

Calculate silver in sweeps at the rate
of one dollar per standard ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 28, 1881.

Receive forty-five thousand ounces from
Boston & Colorado Company at one hundred
thirteen and forty-two hundredths cents per
ounce fine on purchase of yesterday.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

W. B. Silcox Esq.

October 29, 1881.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Referring to your two dispatches of the 28th
and 29th inst., in relation to the Contingent Ex-
penses of your mint for the fiscal year 1881, in
the first of which you state that the amount
expended was \$4,145.⁰², and in the second that
the amount named in the first dispatch in-
cluded all the bills paid at the Department
at Washington which have been reported to you,
amounting to \$131.⁶², I desire to call your atten-
tion to the fact that the bills paid at this Depart-
ment from your Contingent Appropriation for
1881, amounted to only \$19.²². As the time at
my disposal is not sufficient to admit of
further correspondence on the subject, I have
entered the Contingent Expenses of your Mint
for the year named in my annual statements

as \$4,133.⁸² which is \$11.⁷⁰, less than the amount reported in your first dispatch referred to, and is the difference between \$119.⁹², amount actually paid at the Department, and \$131.⁶², the amount you report as paid, from your Contingent Appropriation. If this is not correct telegraph me on receipt of this letter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Captain A. J. McGinnigle

Oct. 29, 1881.

Asst. Quartermaster U. S. A.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will receive from Messrs McCan & Son one Ingot Machine and forward the same to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco as provided by General Order No. 66 dated Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Washington July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.

Oct. 29, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22^d instant in regard to the platform for the ingot machine, ordered for the San Francisco Mint and in reply I have to state that the platform made therefor can be used for one ordered a few days since by Superintendent Snowden.

through Dr. Bonzano for the Philadelphia Mint, and you will please advise Dr. Bonzano and the manufacturer to this effect.

When the machine for San Francisco is ready for shipment you will have the manufacturers deliver the same to Captain W. J. McConnigle, Quartermaster U.S. Army in your city, who has been requested to receive and forward the same.

You will also procure and forward by mail an accurate drawing of the platform to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint or if Dr. Bonzano and yourself should think it necessary you will have moulds made for casting the platform and forward the same with the balance of the machine.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

E. W. Nash,

Oct. 29, 1881.

Omaha Smelting Co. Omaha
Please state by wire the approximate percentage of bullion from each State and Territory in ore worked by you.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director Mint.

Telegram

E. Baalbach & Son,

October, 29, 1881.

Newark, N. J.

Please state by wire the approximate percentage of bullion from each State and Territory in ore worked by you.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director Mint.

Geo W. Platt,

No. 4 Liberty Place, New York.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Oct. 29, 1881.

Does the amount telegraphed yesterday include bills paid at this department.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Superintendent-Mint,
New Orleans.

October 29, 1881.

Harrison Brothers will deliver to your Mint Nitric Acid forty degrees at fourteen cents per pound.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

J. A. McKinney,
Harabachie
Ellis Co., Texas.

Oct. 29, 1881.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst you are informed that if you will send a sample of your ore to this office by mail or express with an enclosure of \$3. (the price fixed by the Department for each sample of ore assayed) I will have your specimen assayed and a report thereon sent you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. H. F. French,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 31, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference for consideration, and report of the letter of the Secretary of War, dated Oct. 24th 1881, requesting the

preparation by the Engravers of the Mint of dies for medals for competition in marksmanship in the Army and requesting to be advised if such dies can be made under the provisions of Section 3537 Revised Statutes authorizing medals of a national character to be struck.

In reply I have to state that it has been the custom to regard all medals requested by any of the Executive Departments as a National Medal, and the dies for such have been prepared by the Engravers of the Mint.

I return herewith the letter of the Secretary of War.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 31, 1881

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and sixty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

October 31, 1881.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson City.

Hon. H. F. French,

October 31, 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint,

Nov. 1, 1881.

Philadelphia

Collector of Customs instructed by Secretary to admit steel rolls imported by Watson & Son for use of your mint, free of duty.

Horatio C. Burchard,
DirectorTelegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

November 1, 1881.

Send immediately by wire statement called for by letter of third ultimo and telegram of twenty second of ingot melts made and condemned.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram H. L. Dodge,

Nov. 1, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Has order of October 21st, authorizing coinage of double eagles been received.

Confirmed

Horatio Burchard,
Director.

Hon. W. F. French,

Nov. 1, 1881,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will instruct the Collector of the Port at Philadelphia to admit free of duty two pairs steel rolls imported per steamer "British King" by Messrs Jas. S. Watson & Son for use of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.Hon John F. Miller,
Washington, D. C.

November 1, 1881,

Sir:

Your letter of October 30th, is received. The order for the coinage of double eagles was sent October 21st, and doubtless reached San Francisco about the time that your telegram from Mr Low was received.

I have telegraphed to inquire whether the order was received.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

November 1, 1881,

Sup't. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th inst. requesting two books for the Melters & Refiners Department of your Mint, I would state, that it is impossible to have them prepared here by the public printer in less time than six weeks or two months.

The regulations of the Department require requisitions for books to be made two months in advance for this reason. In view of the immediate necessity for the books you are authorized to have same made in your city.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Nov. 2, 1881.

San Francisco.

Treasurer's order had no reference ^{to coin} in the Mint.
You will ship Silver Dollars as heretofore.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

November 2, 1881,

San Francisco.

Coin eight hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars in November.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

November 2, 1881.

San Francisco.

State by wire value of gold and silver bullion respectively on hand first instant.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Similar telegram sent to

Superintendent Mint,

Superintendent Mint,

New Orleans.

Carson City.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson,

Nov. 2, 1881.

Nomination of Meltzer & Refiner required in the cases of Spange, Glover and Parker submitted for appointment in the Refinery.

State by mail necessity of Parkers employment.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Nov. 2, 1881.

Coin seventy-five thousand silver dollars in November.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 2, 1881.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram W. P. Lawver Esq.

Nov. 2, 1881.

Care U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

Papers requested by letter were mailed yesterday, care of New York Assay Office.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram R. J. Stephens, Esq.,
Care U. S. Mint,

Nov. 2. 1881.

New Orleans, La.

Have called attention to your letter. Facts previously known to Department and necessary measures had been taken.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.,
Supt Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Nov. 2. 1881.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I forwarded a list of the bills paid at the Department from the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion on account of your mint for the fiscal year 1881, amounting as stated in my letter of the 11th ult to \$3800⁰⁰.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

November 2. 1881.

Sir

Referring to your revised statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the fiscal year 1881, forwarded on the 24th inst; I desire to call your attention to the fact that the amount reported as expended for Contingent Expenses during the year \$22,293⁷⁷ and for wastage \$387.98, total \$22,681.75, does not agree with the amounts as shown by your monthly accounts. Enclose herewith a statement of

your monthly expense accounts, as approved by me, and also a statement drawn from the books of this office showing the bills paid from your contingent appropriation at the Department, amounting in all to \$22,649.86, which amount I have adopted as the expenditures of your mint for the year, including of course \$387.98, paid for wastage.

I will thank you to examine the enclosed statements very carefully and inform me by mail if you discover any error and where it occurs, so that I can make the correction in the proof of my report.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudan Snowden, Esq.

Nov. 2, 1881.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st inst, submitting the appointment of William S. Steel as Acting Coiner, during the temporary absence of that Officer, I have to say that the appointment is approved.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 2, 1881.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The number of Standard Silver Dollars to be coined by your mint during the month of

November, has been fixed at one million pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans.

November 2, 1881.

Sir:

The number of Standard Silver Dollars to be coined by your mint during the month of November has been fixed at three hundred and seventy-five thousand pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

H. K. Holcott, Manager
Boston and Colorado Smelting Works,
Denver, Colorado.

Nov. 3, 1881.

Please state by wire the number of ounces fine of gold and silver produced by your works during the year ended June thirtieth last and the percentage derived from ore or bullion from each State or Territory. We received at the mint of your bar one million five hundred and seventeen thousand five hundred and forty ounces fine silver during the year.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of Mint.

Telegram

Jr. W. Seligman & Co
New York.

November 3, 1881.

Please state by wire if any of your export of silver of the last fiscal year went from the port of San Francisco and if so, how many ounces.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
San Francisco November 3, 1881.

One million silver dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer New York on twenty seventh ultimo.

Confirmed, Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., Nov 3, 1881.
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and forty-four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed, Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise, Nov 3, 1881,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and fifteen hundredths accepted, other declined.

Confirmed, Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Nov 3, 1881.
New Orleans.

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company thirty-five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and forty-four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed, Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

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Telegram Jas. B. Colgate & Co. Nov 3. 1881.
 47 Wall Street N. York.
 Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Nevada Bank, Nov 3. 1881.
 San Francisco.
 Your offer accepted.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Harries Similar telegram sent to
 San Francisco. Confirmed

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Nov 3. 1881.
San Francisco
 Receive from Harries fifty thousand ounces at
 one hundred thirteen and nine hundredths
 cents and from Nevada Bank one hundred
 thousand ounces at one hundred and thir-
 teen cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, Nov 3. 1881.
 San Francisco
 Your offer declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director

Telegram Bank of California, Similar telegram sent to
 San Francisco. J. B. Haggins,
 San Francisco.

Helmreich and Hansen,
San Francisco.

Daniel Meyer,
San Francisco.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Nov 3. 1881.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the ^{the Treasury} Secretary, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to-wit: of-

Wandy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces at \$1.1315

Jas. B. Colgate & Co., 75,000 Ounces at 1.1315

Very respectfully,

Koratis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
Supt Mint,
Philadelphia.

Nov 3. 1881.

Sir:

C.D. No. 5446 for \$281¹⁴ being on account of old material sold, enclosed in your communication of the 21st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Koratis C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
Supt Mint,
San Francisco.

November 3, 1881.

Sir:

C.D. No. 243 for \$15.506 being on account of refinery earnings for September 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 13th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
Supt Mint,
San Francisco.

Nov. 3, 1881.

Sir:

C.D. No. 244, for \$208.⁰⁶ being on account of alloy charges for September enclosed in your communication of the 13th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.

Nov 3. 1881.

Supt. Mint;

San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 245 for \$90.⁹³ being on account of Melting Charges for September 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 13th ultimo, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.

November 3. 1881.

Supt. Assay Office,

New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 160, for \$6972.¹⁵ being on account of parting & refining charges for September enclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.

Nov 3, 1881.

Supt Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 161 for \$1,044.⁵⁶ being on account of melting and alloy charges for the month of Sept. 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

Nov 3, 1881.

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3723 for \$471- being on account of Assays of Ore enclosed in your communication of the 24th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

November 3, 1881.

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7420 for \$159- being on account of Assays of Ores enclosed in your commu-

notification of the 15th ultimo, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

November 3, 1881.

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7517 for \$1485.⁷⁰ being on account of unexpended balance of your Contingent appt'n, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be carried into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. S. M. Culbom

November 3, 1881.

Springfield, Ills.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult., enclosing Certificate of Indebtedness of the State of Missouri, is received. The gentleman in the Third Auditor's office having charge of the Division to which such certificates would go for examination, states as follows:

"There are two kinds of these certificates one with green back the other with brown - both

practically valueless, for the reason that the State does not agree to pay until the United States has paid the State, and the legislature of the State of Missouri is prohibited from making appropriations for the payment of these certificates, by the amended constitution. A large portion of the greenback certificates (for supplies) is for property taken from citizens, whose loyalty will have to be established before the claims could be entertained even under an act of Congress."

Very truly yours,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Louder Snowden, Esq.,

Nov 3, 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Enclosed I forward for your information copy of a communication received by Mr Baker, Chief of the Secret Service Division, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 3, 1881.

Supt U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. requesting a supply of blank forms and books for the use of your office during the calendar year 1882. Requisition will be made upon the public printer for the items enumerated except the numbered deposit cards

which are herewith returned and which you are authorized to have prepared in your city.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 3. 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

There is a demand in New York for Silver Certificates, which the Treasurer can only issue for silver in the Treasury, and the amount issued now about equals all the dollars in the mints and Treasury.

In order that the certificates issued may not exceed the amount in hand, you will please coin daily, in the early part of the month, the full proportion of your monthly quota of silver dollars, or a greater amount.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.,

Nov 3. 1881.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

In your letter of Oct. 22. 1881, forwarding a corrected statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the fiscal year 1881 you say "Should you detect any error & & & I will thank you to inform." The items contained in this statement will agree with those in my Annual Report with two exceptions; the following the Contingent Refining expenses, the

than the seigniorage on the Silver Dollars coined. In regard to the first the total refinery expenses will be the same (\$170,276.⁹⁴) but I have included the item of (\$577.²³) (loss on sale of sweeps for 1880) in the net amount (less wastage and loss on sale of sweeps) in the statement of Earnings and Expenditures Page 38 of my report for last year) for the reason that it was not included in the statement of the expenses of your refinery for the fiscal year 1880.

In reference to the "seigniorage" at your mint for the last fiscal year, I have already telegraphed and written you several times, for the reason that the statements of your bookkeeper which you have forwarded have not been satisfactory.

In the report which I have just submitted, I have stated as nearly as possible the profits on the Silver Dollars coined during the year (without any regard to the profit declared on the silver when purchased.)

The profits on the Silver Dollars coined at your mint during the year, as near as I have been able to figure them, amount to \$1,431,130.⁶⁵. I arrive at the amount for the first two quarters as shown in the annexed statement, which is within some \$6,000 of the amount you telegraphed as the profits (\$554,99.²²), and supposing you had calculated the cost of the sales from the beginning of the coinage to arrive at the cost of the balance of silver on hand July 1st 1880. I adopted your figures \$535,499.²² as about correct. In your last statement, however, notwithstanding the figures telegraphed, you give the amount as \$1,314,164.⁷² and as a verification you forward a "Statement of your Silver Profit Fund Account" which is of no value as showing the exact profit on the Silver

Dollars Coined. You will notice that the amount which I have stated exceeds by about \$117,000 the profit you report, which is a large difference and as I am very anxious to have my report show the "profits on the amount coined" as exactly as possible, I will thank you to calculate and report to me (giving the details) the cost of the silver contained in the silver Dollars coined during the quarter ended Sept 30, 1880. and the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1880.

The difference between the cost of the silver and the face value of the coins will of course be the exact profit, and in case you arrive at a different result from that stated (\$1431,130⁶⁵), I can make the correction if necessary in the printed proofs of my report.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. P. Eggleston, Esq.

Nov. 4th, 1881.

Columbia College,

49th St. & 4th Ave, New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. is received. It is a pleasure to know that any work is appreciated by one so competent to judge of its value and the labor required to obtain the necessary information.

I shall address, in a few days, the contributors, and some of the others whose names you have given me, for further articles.

I will send you a few copies of the Report for the use of yourself and friends, if you desire it.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Nov 4, 1881.

New Orleans.

Receive fifteen thousand ounces additional from
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company at one hundred
and thirteen and forty-four hundredths cents
per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Nov. 4, 1881.

New Orleans.

State by wire coin value of gold and silver
bullion respectively on hand thirty-first ul-
timo.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Nov 3, 1881.

Philadelphia

State by wire coining value of silver bullion on
hand thirty-first ultimo.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,

Nov. 4, 1881.

New York.

State by wire, coining value of silver bullion on
hand thirty-first ultimo.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.,

November 4, 1881.

Superintendent &c,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd, inst.

enclosing a statement of the silver purchased at your mint from the 24th to the 29th ultimo.

I am Sir very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.

Nov. 4, 1881.

Superintendent of,
 San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your two letters dated respectively the 24th & 27th ultimo, enclosing statements of the silver purchased at your mint from the 1st to the 15th of October 1881.

I am Sir very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

Nov. 4, 1881.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

Movement of Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

Nov. 4, 1881.

Supt. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month

of November 1881, has been approved for the sum of
\$38,000 - payable from the following appropriations
 made for the support of your Mint during the cur-
 rent fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$2,500.</u> -
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>25,000.</u> -
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>6,000.</u> -

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudan Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

Nov. 4, 1881.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to
 cause to be advanced you the sum of \$700. - to meet
 the expenses of the refinery in connection with
 your institution during the present month, pay-
 able from the appropriation for "Parting & refining
 bullion"

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint,
 San Francisco.

November 4, 1881.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury
 to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$12,000. -
 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connec-
 tion with your institution during the present
 month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting
 and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.,

Nov. 4. 1881.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$29,500.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>22,500</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>5,000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov 4. 1881.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$5,552.³⁰ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>2,702.³⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>2,100.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>750.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 4. 1881.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury

to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$7,000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Parting & refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov 4, 1881.

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1881, has been approved for the sum of 11,140.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$ 1,540.-</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>7,050.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>2,550.-</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Nov. 4, 1881.

Assayer, Charlotte.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$324.¹¹ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$ 224.¹¹</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>100.00</u>

Contingent Expenses) 1882. \$100.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford Esq.,

Nov. 4, 1881.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$2,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1882

Wages of Workmen 1882

Contingent Expenses 1882 \$2,000.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov. 4, 1881.

Supt. Mint, U.S. New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo in relation to paying for shipments of Silver Dollars beyond the limits of the Southern Express Company, I have to say that you are authorized to pay for same on presentation of bills by the Company performing the service, or on bills of the Southern Express Company if accompanied by proper sub-vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Landon Snowden Esq.,
 Supt Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

Nov. 4. 1881.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000⁰⁰) payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of the "act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar" passed February 28th 1878.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. M. Taggart, Esq.,
 Chief Auditor &c.
 Philadelphia.

Nov-4. 1881.

Sir:

In compliance with the request made by you on the 13th ultimo, I send you by mail to-day a list of the officers and employes in the mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia with compensation of each.

I am Sir very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. R. Chisohn Esq.,
 61. Broadway
 New York

Nov-4. 1881.

Sir:

Your bill of the 19th ultimo for 12 months subscription to Mining record from Sept. 18, 1881, purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$4. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for

examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

To the Publisher of the
Republican,

Nov. 4. 1881.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your bill of the 18th of July, 1881, for two insertions in the weekly edition of your paper of "Proposals for Supplies" Mint at New Orleans, purchased for the use of ——— amounting to \$6.- has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 4. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith a commission from the President of the United States, appointing Edward T. White, by and with the advice ^{and consent} of the Senate, Coiner of your Mint.

I also enclose form of official bond, which you will please instruct Mr White to execute in the sum of \$10,000.- and forward the same to this office. Upon notification of the approval of

his bond you will deliver his commission to him.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director

James Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 4, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, your bill and the one of Mr. Bryant, the Miller^{ms} Refiner of your Mint, each for \$7.50 being the amount paid the Central Pacific Rail Road Company for transportation to San Francisco and return in August 1881, in obedience to my telegram of August 14th. In the course of 10 days drafts for the amounts will be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov. 4, 1881.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Bill of the New Orleans Republican for advertising "proposals for supplies" amounting to \$6.00 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of an "Act authorizing the coinage of the standard Silver Dollar passed

February 28, 1878.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. Silcox, Esq.,

Nov. 4, 1881.

Assayer in charge,
 Denver Mint.

Sir:

Bill of the Star Union Line for transportation of supplies from Philadelphia to St. Louis as per enclosed duplicate bills of lading shipped your Mint in July, 1881, amounting to \$61.72 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

S. J. Hollister, Esq.,

Nov. 5, 1881.

Salt Lake City, Utah,

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your bill of October 26th, amounting to \$200. for collecting and compiling statistics of the production of gold and silver in Utah for the twelve months ending June 30th, 1881, I have to say that when making arrangements with you for collecting statistics, it did not occur to me that you were holding a salaried Federal Office, which would, under Section 1765 be a bar to the payment of a bill for services.

I took your bill, which was on a sheet

with a heading, - Office of Collector of Internal Revenue, to the Comptroller to see if there would be any objection to his passing the bill stating that it was for work done for any Bureau.

He was decidedly of the opinion, and has so ruled in other cases, that a bill for services could not be allowed, but you would have a right to furnish me, and I to pay for an article on the production of the mines of Utah containing all this information, and I had contemplated that such an article, similar to the description of the mines of Montana and Idaho, published in my special report, should be prepared by you for publication in my report.

A bill for the article itself with the right to publish it, would not be objectionable, under the view of the Comptroller.

As I desire you to furnish the information in regard to Utah, if in no other way payment can be made from the Public funds, I shall ask authority to do so.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Capt. Frank P. Gross.

Nov 5. 1881.

Bureau of the Mint,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed, as soon as the business of the office will conveniently permit, to proceed to the Mining regions of the Territory of New Mexico to collect statistics of the production of gold and silver in that territory.

You will obtain the names and location, by counties, of all the mines of the territory that

re producing gold and silver, and the amount of their production and probable production during the present calendar year: also the amounts transported by express and railroad companies and the points to and from which shipments are made.

Your reasonable expenses in the performance of this duty will be paid after your return and presentation of your accounts and the proper vouchers.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. Vesselovsky,

Nov 3, 1881,

Secrétaire du Comité Scientifique,

du Ministère des Finances,

St-Petersburg, Russia

Sir,

I forward you, by mail, a copy of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States containing statistical information which may be of value to you.

I have your eighth volume printed by Trenke & Finsnot, St-Petersburg, of the Annuaire des Finances Russes, and wish to obtain the succeeding volumes, if any have been published. Please forward them to me, and a bill for the same, which will be paid on its receipt.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.,

November 5, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

14 Official Bonds

14 " Oaths

28 Affidavits of Surety.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Robert T. Lincoln,
Secretary of War.

Nov. 5, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ultimo, requesting the preparation of suitable dies for medals for competition in marksmanship in the army, has been referred to this office by the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that dies be prepared if in my opinion they are of a National character within the meaning of Section 3551, Revised Statutes, authorizing dies of a national character to be executed by the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia.

It has been the custom to regard any medal desired by any of the Executive Departments as national medals.

If you will furnish the design, the necessary instructions will be given for the preparation of the dies for the Medals desired.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

John L. Defries Esq.
Public Printer,

Nov. 5, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a table of production to be substituted in manuscript of my annual report for the table left blank and marked, "to be supplied."

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Nov. 5, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Mrs A. Fortier, Counter in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 1st inst, forwarded with your communication of the 2nd instant.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Nov 5, 1881.

Sir:

I have approved the Official Bond of Engene William Kohl, Foreman of Whitening Room, forwarded with your letter of the 24th ultimo.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Dr. Adolph Soetbeer,
Göttingen, Germany.

November 5, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of August 19th was received, and I have been delayed in answering it by pressure of work in the preparation of my annual report.

Accept my thanks for the copies of your pamphlet on the Production of Precious Metals from 1875 to 1879, and also for the pamphlet on the Consumption of the Precious Metals: both of which are very interesting and valuable, and from them I have made extracts in making my estimate of the production and consumption of the world.

I can now only acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter and the document you forwarded, and shall, if office duties will permit, write you again more at length upon subjects of which they treat.

I have sent copies of my special report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States, and will send you a copy of my annual report as soon as published.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.
New Orleans, La

Nov. 7, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Statements of Silver purchased.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

W. S. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supr Mint U.S.
 San Francisco.

Nov. 7, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 500 Movement of U. S. Dollars
- 100 Statements of Silver purchased
- 1 Record Book, Department will not furnish size requested.
- 1 Book Mining Statistics blanks.
- 200 Loose leaves
- 600 Daily Coinage Statements.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor
 Treasury Department;

Nov. 7, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month ending August 31, 1881. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,
 Treasury Department.

Nov. 7, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, City

Her. for the month ending May 31, 1881; rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Nov. 7, 1881.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending August 31, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Nov. 7, 1881.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor

Nov. 7, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary Expense

account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 7, 1881.

Sup't. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Supplemental Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor

Nov. 7, 1881.

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Missing Statistics account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 7, 1881.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Supplemental Mining Statistics account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. Silcox, Esq.,

Nov. 7, 1881.

Denver Mint

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$2,300.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$ 900.</u> ~
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>900.</u> ~
Contingent Expenses, 1882		<u>500.</u> ~

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,

Nov. 7, 1881.

Assayer, St. Louis.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$700 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$200.-
 Wages of Workmen, 1882)
 Contingent Expenses, 1882) 500

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 7, 1881.

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5453 for \$52.69 being on account of charges other than refining enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 7, 1881.

Supt Mint, Phila.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5452 for \$952.42, being on account of refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Pasting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov 7. 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to charge your Silver Bullion Account and credit your Bullion Fund in your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending Dec 31st, 1881, with \$1,000, being the amount made good by the bondsman and the salary account of Mr Foltz, your predecessor.

You will receive credit for the amount by a transfer order issued by the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 7. 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 29th. ult., in which you state that the amount advanced Mr Lawver for expenses of trip to Arizona will exhaust the money advanced you for the collection of mining statistics of the current fiscal year, I have to inform you that I have this day requested that an additional advance of five hundred dollars be made you from the Appropriation for Collecting Mining Statistics for the fiscal year ending June 30th., 1882, which I trust will be sufficient.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. H. F. French,

Nov. 7. 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of four million, seven hundred and seventy thousand, six hundred and seventy-seven $\frac{43}{100}$ dollars (\$4,770,677. $\frac{43}{100}$) payable in 256,423.913. ounces standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 7. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of (\$4,770,677. $\frac{43}{100}$) payable in 256,423.913. ounces standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. A. London Snowden,

Nov 7. 1881.

Supt. Mint,

Philadelphia

Sir:

The following coins received at your mint during the month of October for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

4 Standard Silver Dollars	<u>\$4.00</u>
4 Eagles	<u>40.00</u>
3 Half Eagles	<u>15.00</u>
Total	<u>59.00</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 7. 1881.

Supt U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$4,770.677.⁴³ payable in 256.423.913. ounces standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. W. F. French,

Nov. 7. 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco to the Treasurer of the United States of the sum of two million dollars payable in gold coin of the following denominations.

In Eagles	<u>\$1,000,000.-</u>
In Half Eagles	<u>1,000,000.-</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Nov. 7. 1881.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your mint to the Treasurer of the U. S. of the sum of two million dollars payable in coin of the following denominations,

In Eagles	<u>\$1,000,000.—</u>
In Half Eagles	<u>1,000,000.—</u>

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 7. 1881.

Sir:

The following coins received during the month of October at your mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

4. Standard Silver Dollars	<u>\$4.00</u>
1. Eagle	<u>10.00</u>
Total	<u>14.00</u>

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Charles W. Platt, Esq.,
No. 4 Liberty Place,
New York City.

Nov. 7. 1881.

Sir:

Accept my thanks for the information you furnished in regard to the localities of

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production of gold and silver treated at your works. The statements which have been furnished by all the refineries and smelting works to whom we have made application, have enabled me to estimate with reasonable certainty the amount purchased by each state and territory, which will appear in my next report.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. C. Stone, Esq.,
 # 42 Broad St.
 New York.

Nov. 7, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th, instant making request for a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1881, has been duly received, and in answer I have to say that the Report has not yet been printed, as soon as received however copies will be forwarded to you.

I am Sir very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James D. Haque, Esq.,
 # 18 Wall Street,
 N. Y.

Nov. 7, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th instant requesting a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint on the production of Gold and Silver in the United States has been duly received. I send by mail to-day the copy as requested. A copy has already been sent to Dr. Schott.

I am Sir very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston, Actg. Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 7. 1881.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director.

The Blake Crusher Company,
85 Orange Street,
New Haven Conn.

Nov. 7. 1881.

Gentlemen:

Please forward to this office one Blake Laboratory Crusher (like the one now on exhibition at the American Institute Fair New York City) with one set each of flat and corrugated plates and suitable brushes for cleaning the same. Transmit bills in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Sir:

I forward by to-days mail 20 copies of the Report of the "Production of Gold and Silver in the United States."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Helena Assay Office.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Charlotte.

A. Hottel, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Boise City.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Sir:

I forward by to-days mail 25 copies of the report of the "Production of Gold and Silver in the United States".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Denver.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Sir:

I forward by to-days mail 50 copies of the report of the "Production of Gold and Silver in the United States".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 8, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3569 for \$152.²¹ being on account of charges enclosed in your communication of the — has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 8, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3545 for \$171.⁶⁰ being on account of charges enclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 8, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3546, for \$89.⁸⁰ being on account of charges enclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you

in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 8, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3708 for \$2853.⁶⁸, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses enclosed in your communication of the 13th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your office, 1881.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 8, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3709, for \$3.²⁷, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for salaries, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 13th ultimo, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for salaries of your office, 1881.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,
Actg. Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No 3710, for \$1041.³⁴, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for wages, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 13th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your office, 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent-Mint,
San Francisco.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent-Mint,
Carson City.

Hon. W. F. Funch,

Nov. 8. 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Acknowledging your reference under date of the 26th ultimo of a letter addressed by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior, and by the latter referred to you in regard to the Indian Peace

Medal bearing the impression of President Garfield, I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia explaining the delay in the preparation of the dies and striking of the medals.

I return herewith the papers referred by you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

November 8, 1881.

Sir:

Referring to letter from this office of the 3rd inst. in reply to yours of the 2nd in relation to blanks and blank books, I have to say that in addition to the "Deposit Cards" you are hereby authorized to have the following blanks printed in your city, viz:

1,000	Payimg Clerk's report of balances
1,000	Payments this day
1,000	Coin Checks Payable this day
1,000	" Drawn "
1,000	" Paid "

The remaining books and blanks, enumerated in your letter, will be forwarded as soon as received from the public printer.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

J. E. W. Kelly, Esq.,
 Clerk Monongahela House
 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Sir:

I return herewith Postal Order #70757 for the sum of \$6.10, together with the letter of the Hon Morgan R. Wise requesting that a set of the Goloid Metric coins be furnished you. - enclosed in your letter of the 4th instant.

The supply of these coins has been exhausted and I am unable to comply with the request.

I am Sir very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of \$500,000 silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

Nov. 8. 1881.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased by a transfer of 10,000,000 in gold coin and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant

Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. H. F. French,

Nov. 8, 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at New York be increased ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Hon H. F. French,

Nov. 8, 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. W. F. French,

Nov. 8. 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-three $\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars \$1,983.40 in Gold Coin, and Seven $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars, \$7.64, in Silver Coin making a total of One Thousand Nine Hundred, ninety-one $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,991.10.) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1579 dated Nov. 3. 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Jordan Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 8. 1881.

Supt. Mint U. S.,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst. asking for a supply of blanks for "Fine Gold Bars received from the Melter & Refiner" I have to say that owing to the heavy demands we are now making upon the public printer for books and blanks for the next calendar year, you are authorized to have these prepared in your city.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Telegram

G. O. Manchester,
Topeka Kansas.

November 8, 1881.

Will Burchards pass be transferred to Gross,
as requested by Howe, Saturday last, if so can
same be mailed to Gross care your office,
Kansas City. Answer by wire.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint U.S.
New Orleans.

November 8, 1881.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 6th and
others of prior date requesting blank forms books
and stationery, I will thank you to make a
new requisition for blank forms and books
necessary for the use of your mint during the
ensuing year, at as early a date as practicable
omitting such as have recently been sent you
and the "Coiners statement of dies used" which
is no longer required.

Requisition has already been made for all
the mints, for "Coiners and Melters & Refiners Bullion
statements and for certificates of silver purchased
so they also may be omitted.

In making requisition do so by the schedule
number, which appears on most of the
blank forms and books in general use and
in every case send a sample leaf or sheet
with description of binding, if a book, plain-
ly written thereon.

Impression books are "stationery" and should
not appear on your requisition for books and
blank forms, but on a regular stationery
requisition, and a six months supply

should be called for as in case of all other stationery,

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Augustus J. Harris Esq.,
Esepeville, Mich.

November 9, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau, and, in reply you are informed that the Garfield Medals are struck and sold at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

Joseph Kimmo, Jr. Esq.,
Chief Bureau Statistics.

Nov. 9, 1881.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 2nd instant, I return herewith verified tables Nos. 27, 28 and 29 of the Statistical Abstract of the U. S.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Nov. 9, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst., calling attention to your letters of the 19th, and 29th ult., has been received, and, in reply, I have to

state that the Supervising Architect has been requested to cause the painting, graining etc to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Construction at St. Louis.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon James Giffillan,

Nov. 9, 1881.

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

I have respectfully to request that you will furnish this office with statement showing the amount of standard silver dollars and silver certificates received in payment for dues in the Treasury of the United States on the 1st instant, also the amount of silver certificates outstanding at that date.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Adam Weber, Esq.,

Nov. 9, 1881.

633 E. 15th St.

New York.

Sir:

Please forward to this office six muffles $14 \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ inches for the Assay furnace manufactured by you for the Laboratory connected with this office, also transmit bills in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Nov. 9, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5 Books of Mint Receipts.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Act'g Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

Nov. 10, 1881.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this office if you have received the Agitating machine shipped you by Mess W. Gilbert & Son of Philadelphia, on or about September 16th last.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,

Nov. 10, 1881.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and fifty-six hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Office
man

Telegram

Handy & Carnise

Nov. 10, 1881.

24 Nassau Street, N. York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one thirteen thirty-eight and of fifty thousand at one thirteen forty-three accepted, then declined.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Act'g Director.

Confirmed

Telegram James B. Colgate & Co. November 10, 1881,
47 Wall St.
New York City.
Your offer accepted.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank. Daniel Meyer,
San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram W. L. Dodge, Esq., Nov. 10, 1881.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Receive from Anglo Californian Bank fifty thousand ounces at one hundred and thirteen cents. From Daniel Meyer fifty-five thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and ninety-five one hundredths cents.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram W. V. Davis, Esq., Nov. 10, 1881.
Supt. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. forty-five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and fifty-six one hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Belmich & Hansen, Nov. 10, 1881.
San Francisco.
Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Nov. 10, 1881.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

<u>Handy & Cronise</u>	50,000 Ounces at	<u>1,1338</u>
<u>Handy & Cronise</u>	50,000 ..	<u>1,1343</u>
<u>J. B. Colgate & Co.</u>	50,000 ..	<u>1,1343</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Phila.

Nov. 10, 1881.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank ledgers, as requested in your letter of the 9th inst. which will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 10, 1881.

Sir:

I return the list of distances forwarded in your letter of the 3rd instant, for verification

corrected and checked in the office of the First Auditor.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 10. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day made a requisition upon the Public Printer for the following blank forms and books required for use in your Mint during the next twelve months as requested in your letter of the 17th of September last, viz:

- 4,000 Circulars to Mines, January to June 1882
- 4,000 Circular Letters to Mines " " " "
- 2,000 Circulars to Mines - for fiscal year ending June 30, 1882.
- 2,000 Circular letters to Mines " " " " "
- 500 Circulars to Express Agents
- 1,000 Envelopes " " "
- 8,000 Envelopes to Mining Companies.
- 3,000 Envelopes to Superintendents
- 1 Book Silver Bullion Register
- 1 Check Book
- 1 Book Settlement Bullion Register
- 1 Gold Clippings Book
- 2 Gold Deposit Books
- 10 Silver Pl. Books
- 1 Unparted Bar Book
- 2 Silver Purchase Books
- 12 Gold Samples Day Book
- 1 Assayer's Register of Gold Bullion
- 1 Assayer's Register of Silver Purchase Bullion
- 1 Coiner's Gold Work Book
- 1 Coiner's Silver Work Book

- 1 Coiner's Time Book
- 1 Register of Gold Payments
- 1 Cash Book, Ordinary
- 2,000 Receipts for Partial Payments for service
- 1 Books of Receipts for Silver coins.
- 1 Book of Receipts for Gold coins
- 2,000 Assay Coin Wrappers
- 1 Cashier's Vault Book.
- 500 Abstracts of Ordinary Expenses
- 1 Cash Book
- 1,000 Gold Deposit Abstracts (instead of 500 as requested)
- 1,000 Silver Purchase Abstracts " " " " "
- 250 Abstract Clerk's Silver Reports
- 250 Abstract Clerk's Gold Reports
- 5,000 Silver Purchase Memorandums (No 44)
- 4,000 Silver Purchase Memorandums (2,000, long ^{small} 2,000)
- 50 Monthly Statements of Charges Imposed (No 83)
- 200 Silver Purchase Statements (No 64)
- 5,000 Silver Purchase Warrants No 6-B
- 5,000 Gold Warrants No 4-B
- 500 Daily Reports of Unpaid Warrants
- 1,000 Notices to Silver Sellers
- 500 Summaries
- 1 Book - Record of Gold Warrants
- 100 Flexible Computation Books
- 300 Computation Books
- 100 Warrant Books
- 1,000 Statements of Deductions, (instead of 100 as requested)
- 1,000 Transfer Statements (" " " " ")
- 3 Transfer Scale Books
- 500 Daily Reports of Registered Deposits.
- 200 Receiving Clerks Monthly Silver Reports.
- 4 Books, Bullion Reports of Receiving Clerk
- 1 Sweep Book
- 2 Gold Deposit Books for Weigh Clerks
- 2 Silver Deposit Books " " "

- 2 Silver Purchase Books for Weigh Clerks
- 2 Gold Deposit Books
- 2 Silver Purchase Books
- 2 Silver Deposit Books
- 12 Books Ship Clerks Record
- 2 Books Supervisor of Deposit Melting Record
- 6 Monthly Time Books
- 1 Visitors Register
- 1,000 Small Bill Heads
- 300 Sweep Reports for book-keeper
- 500 Statements of Bullion Production
- 400 Statements of Condition of Bullion Fund

The statement of earnings and expenditures and of deposits and purchases are under consideration as to the proper form.

The press copy has been ordered of the Stationary Division of the Treasury Department

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia

Nov. 11, 1881.

Purchased yesterday for delivery at your Mint fifty thousand ounces from Handy & Brown at one hundred thirteen and thirty-eight one hundredths cents, and fifty thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and forty-three one hundredths cents, from J. B. Colgate & Co., fifty thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and forty-three one hundredths cents.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 11. 1881.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and one half cents per ounce fine to-day.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

A. L. Russell, Esq.,

Nov 11. 1881.

Evening Mail Office,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ult. addressed to the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, relative to the circulation of the United States, has been referred to this office.

This subject is now being investigated, and tables containing the information requested by you will appear in the Directors report, now in press, and to be issued during the current month. As soon as received from the printer I shall take pleasure in transmitting a copy to your address.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 10. 1881

Superintendent of,

Carsen, Nevada.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing a statement of the silver purchased at your mint during the month of October ultimo.

I am Sir very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Miss. Handys & Bros

Nov 10. 1881.

No. 24 Nassau St.,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 9th, inst., enclosing silver bullion report, for which accept thanks.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Isaac E. Hasbrouck, Esq.,

Nov. 10. 1881.

Librarian Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

Sir:

Your postal of the 28th, ult., was duly received and, in reply, I have to state that there have been published no reports on gold and silver production between Raymonds of 1875 and that of the Director of the Mint except Raymonds Report of 1876.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 11. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 31st ultimo requesting that your Bullion fund be increased by a transfer of \$2,000~ in dimes

On account of the limited amount of dimes now in the Treasury it has been decided to increase your bullion fund by a transfer of \$500~ in such coin and this you will only use for the

purpose of making change in the business of your office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. H. F. French,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request ^{that} the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000-) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. H. F. French,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, be increased five hundred dollars by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be transmitted the Superintendent of said Mint in disburse.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent-Mint,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official

oath of Peter Spargo, Helper, in the Miller & Refiner's department of your institution, bearing date of the first inst., forwarded with your communication of the 3rd inst.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Morton E. Gloue, Miller in the Miller & Refiner's department of your institution, bearing date of the 24th ultimo, forwarded with your communication of the 3rd inst.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Alonge H. Parker, Helper in the Miller & Refiner's department of your institution, bearing date of the 24th ult., forwarded with your communication of the 3rd inst.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the

official oath of William J. Cowen, Watchman
in the General Department of your institution,
bearing date of the first inst. forwarded with
your communication of the 3rd inst.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official
oath of George L. Beatty, Laborer in the General
Department of your institution, bearing date of
the 4th inst., forwarded with your communication
of the 7th inst.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested that your Bullion
fund be increased by a transfer of one million standard
silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your
credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. London Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sup't. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

Ordinary Refinery and ¹⁵/₁₆ Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881

Supt. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of October at your mint for special Assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

<u>4</u> Standard Silver Dollars	<u>\$4.00</u>
<u>5</u> Eagles	<u>50.00</u>
Total	<u>54.00</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Receipts for Silver Purchases Form #29 as requested in your letter of the 4th inst. which will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 293 for \$972.77 being on account of refinery earnings enclosed in your communication of the 3rd instant, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant in which you request to be informed in what manner and to what accounts the loss, aggregating \$2,288.21, on account of sale of sweeps

is to be charged, I have to reply that the loss on the silver sweeps will be paid from your silver profit fund account. The Regulation provides that parting and refining should be charged with that portion of the loss occasioned in refining, but as these were probably very small compared with the loss in fire-fining ingots for coinage, you are authorized to pay the entire silver loss from your silver profit fund.

In regard to the loss on the gold in the sweeps, you will first estimate the amount which should be charged to parting & refining as provided on page 16 of the Instructions of 1851.

"By taking the ratio of the gold bullion fabricated upon in your refinery during the three years, to the whole amount of gold bullion both parted & refined & made into ingots for coinage during the same years". After this has been deducted the balance is to be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint, and you will please inform me how much of this balance will belong to each of the three fiscal years named in your letter, so that advances can be made you from the appropriation for the different years to meet it.

As, under the law the balance remaining to the credit of the appropriation for the fiscal year has been covered into the Treasury and cannot be used, the amount which should have been paid from the appropriation for that year may be met by profits in your profit and loss account, provided they are sufficient.

If not, I should include the loss for that year in my account for the next fiscal year.

1880 in requesting an advance of funds.

It will be necessary to know from you the exact amount needed from the appropriation for each year before an advance can be made.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 295 for \$217.⁰⁸, being on account of alloy charges in October 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst., has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

November 11, 1881

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 296 for \$209.²² being on account of melting charges in October, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst., has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg. Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sup't. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 297, for \$12,688.⁶⁶ being on account of refinery earnings, enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst., has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sup't. Mint, of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 3rd, inst., I return herewith the contract of the San Francisco Chemical Works to furnish nitric and sulphuric acid for use of your Mint from September 22^d, 1881, to June 30th, 1882.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sup't. Mint, of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th, inst., asking for certain articles of stationery and blanks I have to inform you that I have this day made

requisition upon the Public Printer for two ledgers for the Assay Dept. of your Mint and two thousand daily Bullion reports for the Melters and Refiners and Coiners Depts as per samples enclosed in your letter.

I send you by to-days mail six calculation blotters as requested.

The sample for impression books is herewith returned with instructions to include the same in your requisition for stationery.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

E. A. and A. L. Boulter,

Nov. 11. 1881.

#1609 North St.

Phila.

Sirs:

Your bill of the 8th instant for one Assay furnace and six muffles purchased for the use of the Laboratory of this Bureau amounting to \$50.²⁵, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.,

Nov. 11. 1881.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will manufacture and transmit to the U. S. Mint at Carson the

following assay weights, viz:

Three weights of 1.004 milligrammes

Three do 1.115 do

One standard silver dollar test weight of 412½ grains Troy.

Please transmit your account for the same to this office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

Nov. 11. 1881.

Treasury Department

Sir: ~~Dear Sir,~~

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Medall Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1881. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,

Nov. 11. 1881.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill of lading for eleven boxes, containing scales, etc shipped you by Henry Trocenus on the 4th, inst. I will thank you to advise this office when these articles are received.

I also enclose duplicate invoices of the contents of the boxes, which I will thank you to check and return to this office.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Hon. J. E. Hilgard,
Supt. U. S. Coast & G. Survey,
Sir:

Nov. 11, 1881.

Can you send a competent person to examine and properly adjust an assay balance in the Laboratory in connection with this office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director

Herman Silver, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Denver, Col.

Nov. 11, 1881.

Sir:

The bill of the Missouri Pacific R. R. for transportation in October, 1880, from St. Louis to Kansas City, of one box of stationery, consigned to your care, amounting to ninety-six cents, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1881. Enclose herewith for your information, duplicate bill and bill of lading.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Nov. 11, 1881

Sir

The Director requested that there be forwarded you, by mail, for delivery to persons who have made reports to you on the production of

their mines, smelting works, and to others interested in the subject of which the book treats five hundred copies of the special report on the Annual Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for the year 1880.

There have been forwarded from the office one copy to each of the following gentlemen. Fifty copies have already been sent you, and the remainder will follow in instalments daily.

<u>Hon. Horace Davis, S. F.</u>	<u>Ben. C. Wright S. F.</u>
<u>Wm. Stewart,</u>	<u>Daniel Godwin</u>
<u>A. A. Sargent,</u>	<u>W. H. Montague</u>
<u>Thos. Brown,</u>	<u>H. N. Hibbard</u>
<u>Charles Crocker,</u>	<u>Frank Gilbert</u>
<u>W. W. Dodge,</u>	<u>A. N. Town</u>
<u>T. H. L. Robinson,</u>	<u>H. C. Johannes</u>
<u>E. S. Gaver,</u>	<u>D. L. Hoagbe</u>
<u>W. P. Edwards,</u>	<u>Dr. E. L. Mulligan</u>
<u>G. A. Bucklee,</u>	<u>Ed. Wheaton</u>
<u>Alex. Martin,</u>	<u>O. D. Munson</u>
<u>E. F. White</u>	

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

Nov. 12, 1881

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the month ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 12. 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

L. L. Dodge Esq.,
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Nov. 12. 1881.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending October 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 12. 1881.

Sir

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$2,500.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 500.-

Wages of Workmen 1882 1,000.-

Contingent Expenses 1882 1,000.-

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson.

Nov. 12. 1881.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$9,500.-, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$ 2,000

Wages of Workmen 1882 5,500

Contingent Expenses. 1882 2,000

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson City,

Nov. 12. 1881.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2,000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. W. F. French, Esq.,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Nov. 12. 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver Colorado, be increased twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) by a transfer of that amount

and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in charge of said Mint in gold coin or currency.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. Silver, Esq.

Nov. 12, 1881.

Assayer in charge,

Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have requested that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of \$25,000.- and that the amount be transmitted you in gold coin or currency.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Nov. 12, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, bills of the Central Pacific Railroad, amounting to \$179.⁸² for the transportation from Ogden, Utah, to your city in September, 1880, of 24,018 lbs of zinc and thirty (30) barrels of sawdust consigned to your care.

Enclose for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

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S. Guthrie, Esq.,

Nov. 12. 1881.

Room 91. Concoran Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to inform you that bills of the Central Pacific Railroad, dated December 15, 1881, for the transportation of supplies from San Francisco to Reno and from Ogden to San Francisco, amounting to \$179.89, have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

November 12. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, ^{for settlement} payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Star Union Line for transportation of 2 boxes and 3 bundles of stationery in August of the present year from Washington to Chicago, consigned to your care, amounting to \$4.80.

I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bills and bill of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Jamies Crawford, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 12, 1881.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, bills of the Central Pacific Railroad, amounting to \$1.91, for the transportation in September and October, 1880, from San Francisco to Reno, of one barrel of Crucibles and one box of Assayer's materials.

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. Silber, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 12, 1881.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement; payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Star Union Line amounting to \$1.87, for transportation from Washington to Chicago of one (1) barrel of Crucibles and two (2) barrels of bone dust in August last, consigned to your care.

I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg. Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

November 12, 1881.

Assayer in charge,

Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Star Union Line amounting to \$4.07 for the transportation from Washington to Chicago in August of the present year of one (1) box of crucibles, one (1) box of merchandise, two (2) barrels of merchandise, and two (2) barrels of boneash consigned to your care.

I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegraph

Superintendent Mint,

Nov. 12, 1881.

New Orleans.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and sixty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 12, 1881.

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:-

Referring to voucher No. 187 of your Ordinary Expense Account for month of June, 1881, bill of S. P. Davis, proprietor of the Morning Appeal, for advertising for supplies for your Mint, amounting to ten dollars, I have to in-

from you that the Secretary will not approve the bill of Mr Davis unless he furnishes the Department with his rates for advertising, as required by the Regulations of the Department, and which he has been requested to do.

I return herewith the bill in question, with the request that you will have Mr Davis insert the same, and you will return it to this office at your earliest convenience.

There are other bills which are being held in the Secretary's Office relating to advertisements by you in this paper for the same reason, none of which can be allowed until the rates are furnished.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Byron Horton, Esq.,

November 12, 1881.

Packard's Business College,

No 805 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th instant requesting to be informed if there will be any changes in the values of foreign coins to be proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury January 1st, 1882, from those in the Circular of January 1st, 1881.

As the Circular is issued for the purpose of converting, at the Custom Houses invoices of merchandise made out in foreign money terms into those of the United States, in order to levy duties it would be improper to furnish the information you desire to anyone in advance of the proclamation of the Secretary.

I cannot, therefore, comply with

your request.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Robt. Beall, Esq.,

November 12, 1881.

Bookseller,

495. Pa Ave.

Sir:

Your bill of the 10th instant for one Webster's Dictionary, and one Curly's Early Coins purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$21.~ has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

November 12, 1881.

Assayer &c.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 19th ultimo, in relation to procuring carpeting &c for your office, - you are authorized to procure the same at as reasonable prices as possible, and make payment therefor from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the current fiscal year.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.,

November 12, 1881.

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 7th instant, I send you herewith enclosed a list of the officers and clerks in your Mint who have given bond with the amount of bond and names of the sureties.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Name,	Date,	Amount,	Sureties,
<u>A. L. Snowden</u>	Mich 1, 1879,	\$100,000	A. B. Little, E. F. Steel, J. S. Bailey
<u>J. R. Le Conte</u>	Apr. 4, 1879,	10,000	Chas. Platt, Saml. Robt,
<u>W. H. Cobb</u>	Apr 1, 1873	10,000	Simon Cameron
<u>O. B. Jones</u>	Jun. 5, 1877	10,000	John B. Packee
<u>J. C. Eyster</u>	Apr. 1, 1873	10,000	Joseph A. Eyster, Wm C. Eyster
<u>J. B. Eckfeldt</u>	Nov. 2, 1872	5,000	David Morgan, Wm L. Du Bois,
<u>J. C. Booth</u>	Apr. 1, 1873	10,000	R. A. Tighman, John R. Whitney
<u>H. S. Cochran</u>	" " "	10,000	A. J. Andrews, Saml. Mackey
<u>W. B. Boyd</u>	Dec. 12, 1877	10,000	H. G. Clay, Wm L. Biers,
<u>W. S. Steel</u>	Apr. 1, 1873	10,000	J. G. Griffelt, J. G. Patton,
<u>O. C. Bosbyshell</u>	July 2, 1877	10,000	Peter Herd, A. L. Snowden.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov. 14, 1881,

Supt. Mint New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

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Telegram Superintendent Mint,

November 14, 1881.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

J. B. Randol, Esq.,

Nov. 14, 1881.

New Almaden, Cal.

Sir:

I have forwarded to you this day a copy of the report of "Production of Gold and Silver in the United States" for 1880, at the request of Senator Miller.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. H. Colburn, Esq.,

Nov. 14, 1881.

Burnham Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office and in reply I have to state that the department has not issued a circular giving the prices of coins of different dates.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 14, 1881.

Suph. Mint. of the U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter under date of the 12th inst.

addressed to this office by the Secretary of the Treasury directing the recoinage of the old copper coins amounting to \$ 17,540.91, and the copper nickel one cent 1857-64) amounting to 104,018.71, now in the redemption fund of your Mint into five cent nickels.

If in order to carry out these instructions it is necessary that you should purchase a supply of nickel, you will please submit an advertisement inviting proposals for the same, that I may procure authority from the Secretary of the Treasury for the insertion of the advertisement in one or more newspapers.

Due to the limited amount of five cent nickel coins now on hand in the Treasury it is desirable that the recoinage of these pieces should be commenced at as early a date as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Walters, Esq.,
Assayer, Boise.

November, 14, 1881.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$ 750 - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$ 252.70

Wages of Workmen. 1882 } 497.30

Contingent Expenses 1882 } 497.30

Hereafter, please make requisition for some round sum under each head, - omitting cents.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Actg. Director

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Nov. 14, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Twenty thousand seven hundred, two ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, (\$20,702.⁰⁰/₁₀₀) in gold coin, and Three hundred sixty ¹⁷/₁₀₀ dollars (\$360.¹⁷/₁₀₀) in silver coin, making a total of Twenty-one thousand, sixty-two ⁷³/₁₀₀ dollars (\$21,062.⁷³/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1597, dated Nov. 7, 1881. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent-Mint

Nov. 16, 1881.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirtien and thirty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine?

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Horatio C. Burchard,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Freeport, Ills.

Tables three and four are being prepared. The appendix has gone to the printer, have sent for the tables on prices as they are required to calculate mean currency prices and percentages think we can get the calculations made inside of a week or ten days.

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 16, 1881,

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause to be prepared and forwarded to this office a table showing by quarters from January 1st 1875 to June 30th 1881, the amount of silver purchased cost of same, amount coined and cost thereof, and the amount of profits deposited in the Treasury on account of fractional silver coin and the standard dollar respectively, and the amount paid from the Silver Profit Fund for wastage, loss on sweeps and transportation.

It is desirable that this statement should be as accurate as possible, and that it should be transmitted to this office at as early a day as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

James Crawford, Esq.,

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Carson, Nev.

First Auditor,

November 16, 1881,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881.

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your supplemental Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Berman Silver, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bills of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company for the transportation from Chicago to Kansas City of certain supplies consigned to your care, as per duplicate bills of lading enclosed herewith, amounting to \$31.16, payable from your Contingent Appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.,
Canon City, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from

appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1881, bill of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, amounting to \$35.26, for the transportation from Chicago to Council Bluffs of certain supplies shipped your Mint, as per enclosed duplicate bill of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881,

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

Helena, Montana,

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, bills of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, amounting to \$5.60, payable from your contingent Appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1881, for the transportation from Chicago to Council Bluffs of certain supplies consigned to your care, as per duplicate bill of lading enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Th. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881.

Supt Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bills of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad for the trans-

portation of supplies from Chicago to Council Bluffs, consigned to your care, during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1881, payable from the following appropriations: viz: Your contingent appropriation for 1881, \$4,301. Parting and Refining Bullion \$101.86; Appropriation contained in the Act of February 28th, 1878 authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, \$37.12.

I enclose for your information the duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Therman Silver, Esq.

Nov. 15, 1881.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting proposals for delivery of stone and charcoal required at your mint during the current fiscal year has been received.

The awards by you to John Ewing for charcoal at twenty cents per bushel, and to G. W. Wilson for stone at \$4.40 per ton are approved.

I return the bids herewith for filing in your office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

To the

November 15, 1881.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the ordinary expense account of

the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for the month of July, 1881, with my approval, except as to vouchers, Nos. 2nd & 3.

As the expenses enumerated in these two (2) bills were incurred in the previous fiscal year, I recommend that they be disallowed in the settlement of this account.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Calvin J. Bowles, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881,

Assayer in Charge,

Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for settlement, your account of ordinary expenses for the month of July, 1881. I have approved the account as rendered with the exception of vouchers 2nd & 3, the first being for subscription to the Charlotte Observer from January 1, 1881, to July 1, 1881, and the other being a bill of the Charlotte Gas Light Company for gas consumed during the month of June.

As the expenses charged for in these 2 bills were incurred in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881 - it would not be proper or lawful to pay them from the appropriation for the present year and they have therefore been disapproved.

If you will submit an estimate of the amount required to cover these two and any other bills for supplies for your institution for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881, which remain unpaid. I will request a deficiency appropriation by Congress to cover the amount.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

Nov. 18, 1881,

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir

I have to inform you that I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable to be made from the appropriation for fixtures and apparatus of your office, bill of David Gilbert & Son of Philadelphia for one Agitating Machine, amounting to \$143.50, the receipt of which you have acknowledged.

I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bill.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

David Gilbert & Son,

November 16, 1881,

Chester & Maple,

Phila.

Gentlemen;

Your bill of the 15th of September, 1881, for One Agitator, purchased for the use of this office amounting to \$143.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Silver, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

Enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year bill of the Denver Tribune for advertising proposals for coal etc.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Geo. D. DeFries,

Nov. 15, 1881.

Public Printer,

Sir:

Will you please return by bearer the tables on the "Course of prices" and on "Circulation and bank reserves" in the appendix of the Director of the Mints report. Mr Burchard desires to make certain changes in the same.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 15, 1881.

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Carson.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for one Requisition book, Ingot Melting Room, Melt & Refiner's Department, and as requested in your letter of the 5th instant and will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

November 16, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 15, 1881.

Sir:

Enclose herewith additional table of distances to towns, to which standard silver dollars have been shipped by your mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

November 16, 1881.

Sir:

In view of the fact that a circular has been issued by the First Auditor of the Treasury requiring the bills for goods purchased, or for services performed which come to his office for settlement, to show on the face of them the receipt of the goods or a certificate from the proper officer that the services have been actually rendered, you are hereby instructed to have a certificate placed on the face of each voucher contained in your Expense Accounts that the articles purchased have been received, or the services charged for performed

to be signed by the person receiving the goods or having charge of the service.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,

N. Hotters, Esq.,

Assayer in charge U. S. Office, Assayer in charge Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C. Boise City, Idaho.

Eliot C. Jewett Esq.,

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

First Auditor,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending May 31, 1881 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

As. Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Supr. Mint, Carson,

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department; for examination and settlement, your Refinery Expense account for the month ending May 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

First Auditor,

November 16, 1881,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 16, 1881,

Supt. Mint Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refinery Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

Nov. 16, 1881,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Nov. 16, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refinery Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,
 Treasury Department,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Statistical Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Nov. 16, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Statistical Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account ^{assayer in charge of the} of the U.S. Assay Office of Boise City for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Walters Esq.,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Assayer, Boise City.
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement; the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the month ending August 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer, Charlotte.
Sir:

Nov. 16, 1881.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending August 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.
Sir:

November 16, 1881.

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the month ending July 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer, Helena.
Sir:

Nov. 16, 1881.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending July 31, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the month ending August 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Nov. 16, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending August 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Noratio G. Burchard,
Freeport, Ills.

Nov. 16, 1881.

Eckfeldt thinks, if percentages from 1862 be increased by currency value of gold, those prior to that year should be decreased proportionately as the mean currency price of each article for fifty six years is higher than the mean gold price which was used for the calculations.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Nov. 16. 1881.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,

Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of September, 1881, I find that voucher No. 24 for Contingent Expenses, bill of Moro Phillips, for two barrels of bone ash, amounting to \$104.30, purchased in the month of May last, has been paid out of your appropriation for the current fiscal year and included in this Expense Account.

You were instructed on the 2nd. of September, to pay this bill from your appropriation for the last fiscal year, and your certificate on the face of the bill so states. I can not imagine why you have done differently.

It will be necessary to withdraw this bill from your account and have it paid separately, by the statement of an account at the Department from your appropriation for last year. I will, therefore, thank you to prepare a correct abstract of your expenses and a correct account current, leaving out this bill.

I return the "Account Current" and "Abstract of Expenses," forwarded with your account, for this purpose.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Peabody,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov. 16. 1881.

Supt Mint. of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to request that you prepare and

forward to this office a statement showing by quarters, the amount of silver purchased and cost of same, the amount coined and cost thereof, and the profits arising on coinage of Standard Silver dollars at your Mint since reopening. The statement should also show the amount of profits deposited in the Treasury and the amount paid from the Silver Profit Fund for wastage and expenses of distribution. Care should be taken to have the statement as accurate as possible. Please forward to this office as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Bullion Quotations #126

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Nov. 16, 1881.

Supt Mint, Carson.

Sir:

C. D. No 303 for \$12.~ being on account of Assays of ore for quarter ended Sept. 30, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 8th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the

Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt":

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise,

November 17, 1881.

No 24 Nassau Street,

New York, N. Y.

Your offers of fifty thousand at one hundred thirteen and thirty-one hundredths, and fifty thousand at one hundred thirteen and thirty-four one hundredths accepted; other declined.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and forty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram James B. Colgate & Co.

Nov. 17, 1881.

47 Wall Street,

New York City.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Nov. 17, 1881.

New Orleans.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company fifty thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and forty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

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Telegram Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Bank of California, Daniel Meyer,
San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram Helmreich & Hansen, Thamhausin & Co.,
San Francisco. San Francisco.

A. London Snowden, Esq., Nov. 17, 1881.
Superintendent U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

<u>Handy & Cronise</u>	50,000 Ounces at	<u>\$ 1,133 1/4</u>
<u>Handy & Cronise</u>	50,000 " "	<u>1,133 1/4</u>
<u>Jas B. Colgate & Co.</u>	50,000 " "	<u>1,133 1/4</u>

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bull-

ion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of one million Dollars, (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Von. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

Nov. 17, 1881.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Four thousand, one hundred thirty-eight, $\frac{53}{100}$ dollars (\$4,138, $\frac{53}{100}$) in gold coin, and fifty-one $\frac{49}{100}$ dollars (\$51, $\frac{49}{100}$) in silver coin making a total of four thousand, one hundred ninety, $\frac{92}{100}$ dollars (\$4,190, $\frac{92}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 4374, dated Nov. 8, 1881, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Mess. Hensel, Bauckmann & Lorbacher Nov. 17, 1881.
No 25 William St.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a communica-

tion from M. W. Berliner, Hamburg, stating that he had forwarded to the address of the Mint at San Francisco, in your care three cases of machinery.

I will thank you to advise this office as soon as the machinery arrives, in order that I may procure an order from the Secretary ^{of the Treasury} for its admission free of duty.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Sam'l. J. Randall.

Nov. 17, 1881.

House of Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference of a letter from A. M. Smith, Esq. of Philadelphia, in regard to procuring a set of Goloid Metric coins.

I regret to inform you that there are no sets of these coins in the possession of this office the entire number struck at the request of the committee on coinage of the last House of Representatives having been distributed to Members and Senators or upon their order.

I return herewith the letter of Mr Smith.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 17, 1881.

Supt U. S. Assay Office

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The bond of John G. Bungay, Register of Deposits of your institution, executed in the sum of \$5,000, and bearing date of the 11th inst., has been approved by me, and filed in this office.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,

Acty Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt Assay Office,
New York.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No 217 for \$746.²⁵ being on account of melting and alloy charges for October, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 16th, inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 218. for \$8747.⁷² being on account of charges collected for parting and refining bullion during October, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 15th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and

settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,
Assayer, Denver.
Sir: I have the honor

Nov. 17, 1881.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.
New Orleans.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter addressed by S. Gornstein of Sallis, Miss to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this office in relation to a shortage of \$50. in a package of \$500. standard silver dollars received from your Mint.

I will thank you to report all the facts in the case and return the letter of Mr Gornstein.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

S. Gornstein, Esq.,
 Salles,
 Attala Co,
 Miss.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th instant in relation to a shortage of \$50.~ in a package of \$500 standard silver dollars received from the New Orleans Mint, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office.

The matter will receive proper attention of the result of which you will be duly informed.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt Mint,
 San Francisco.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

I herewith transmit the Assayers report upon the fineness of the samples of dove bullion received at this office on the 14th, instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt Mint of the U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Nov. 17, 1881.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of September, 1881, I desire to call your attention to voucher, No. 93, bill of W. L. Crocker & Co. for stationery; voucher No. 119, bill of A. L. Bancroft & Co. for short-hand paper, and

bill No 69, of Petty Expenses; for carriage hire, which from certain endorsements on the face of them, appear to have been incurred in connection with the investigation of the charges preferred against you by Mr Page.

Section 3681 of the Revised Statutes provides that no expense growing out of, or in any way connected with any commission or inquiry, except courts-martial or courts of inquiry in the Military and Naval service of the United States, shall be paid until specific appropriations have been made by law to pay such accounts and charges.

Under this section, it is evident that these bills, in their present shape, would not be allowed by the accounting officers in the settlement of your accounts, and are herewith returned together with the Abstract of Expenses.

I also return voucher No 145, bill of E. T. Lewis, that the receipt of the mittens charged for may be certified on the face of the bill.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 18, 1881.

Supt. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Bill of Pope Cole & Co. of Baltimore for 20,000 lbs of Engot copper purchased for the use of your Mint, amounting to \$3650 has been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that the amount be paid from the appropriation contained in the Act of Feb'y 28, 1878, authorizing the coinage of the silver dollar.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

Pope, Cole & Co.

November 18, 1881.

57. S. Gay St.
Balt.

Gents:

Your bill of the 12th inst for \$20,000. lbs. Ingot copper purchased for the use of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to \$3650. - has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

Nov. 18. 1881.

Assayer in charge
Helena.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank;

500 Certificates of Gold Deposits (#4 G.)500 Assay memoranda - (#39. D)

and as requested in your letter of the 10th instant copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.

Nov. 18. 1881.

Room 91 Corcoran Building,
City.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following bills of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. for trans-

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portation of passengers in September last have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement viz:

<u>E. O. Leech</u>	from Ogden to Council Bluffs	<u>54.⁵⁰</u>
<u>Alex. Ramsey</u>	Denver " "	<u>28.</u>
<u>Horatio C. Burckhard</u>	Ogden " "	<u>54.⁶⁰</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Nov. 18, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5,000 Certificates of Silver Purchase (12 packages)

2,000 Partial payments No. 55

2,000 Receipts for silver purchased No. 45.

1,000 Letters of advice, shipment of std sil. dollars No. 106 c

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Nov. 19, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint;

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4,000 Circulars to miners No. 198

4,000 Statements from miners to Superintendent ¹⁹⁹

2,000 Statements from miners (fiscal year) No. 200

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Bullock & Crenshaw,
528 Arch Street,
Phila.

November 19, 1881.

Gentl:

Your bill of the 10th inst. for chemicals purchased for the use of the laboratory of this office, amounting to \$52.²², has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Prof. Isaac E. Hasbrouck,
Librarian Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Nov. 19, 1881.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst, I have to say that Raymond's Report on Mineral Resources was published by order of Congress, and I regret my inability to send you a copy, the supply furnished the Treasury Department having been exhausted.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint of the U.S.

Nov. 19, 1881.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst, enclosing offer of S. L. Lyons to furnish

nitric acid, 40°, at fourteen cents per pound.

This being the most favorable offer received, you are authorized to purchase from Mr. Lyons such quantity of acid as may from time to time be required.

The letter of Mr. Lyons is herewith returned for filing in your office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director,

Hon. Chas. J. Folger

Nov. 19, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of seventy-six thousand, one hundred sixty-one $\frac{22}{100}$ dollars (\$76,161.²²), in gold coin, and five hundred sixty-eight $\frac{76}{100}$ dollars (\$568.⁷⁶) in silver coin, making a total of seventy-six thousand, seven hundred thirty $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars (\$76,730.⁴⁶) being the net value of bullion, heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1598, dated Nov 7, 1881, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Nov. 19, 1881.

Supt Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you

will purchase for the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, one barrel of fused brass and fifty gold stirrers and cause the same to be delivered to Capt. G. W. Bradley, Quartermaster United States Army in your city, for shipment as early as practicable and transmit receipted bills in duplicate to this office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

Nov. 19, 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received by this office from the Treasurer of the United States transmitting papers in the case of an error in the shipment of 500 standard silver dollars to G. A. Weaver, Thomasville, Georgia, instead of to Thomaston, as directed by the Treasurer of the United States. It appearing that the error in the shipment was by reason of an error in the message of the Treasurer as delivered to you by the Telegraph Company, you will withhold two dollars from the amount of the next bill of the Western Union Telegraph Co. presented to you and transmit the same to G. A. Weaver at Thomaston, Georgia.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Capt. G. W. Bradley,

Nov. 19, 1881.

Quartermaster U. S. Army,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to deliver to you one barrel of fused borax, and fifty gold stirrers, which I will thank you to receive and forward to the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, under General Orders No. 66, dated July 26th, 1876.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Brig. Gen. S. V. Benet,

Nov. 19, 1881.

Chief of Ordnance,

War Department.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, enclosing designs for medals for marksmanship, and to advise you that I have this day forwarded the same to the Philadelphia Mint with instructions that the dies for the medals desired be prepared and the medals struck as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Gen. S. V. Benet,

Nov. 19, 1881.

Chief of Ordnance.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th, instant transmitting designs for medals for marksmanship I have to request that you will inform me whether the price marked upon

each design refers to the value of the gold or silver in the medal or to the medal and bar complete.

If to the latter, I will thank you to state the value of the fine gold or fine silver to be in each medal, in order that the Engraver may be able to properly proportion the size of the dies.

The bars and suspending links cannot be manufactured or supplied by the Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Nov. 19, 1881,

Care Superintendent Mint,

Philadelphia.

No synopsis of report given to the Press. Your instructions in reference to revised copy will be carried out.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louder Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 19, 1881,

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Enclose herewith designs adopted by the General of the Army for medals for marksmanship in the Army, and have to request that you will cause the necessary dies therefor to be prepared and the medals required struck as early as practicable.

I enclose also, for your information, copy of a letter from General Benet, Chief of Ordnance and the order under which the medals are awarded.

The medals will be furnished at

the exact cost of the metal contained.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. C. J. Folger,

November 21, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will instruct the Collector of Customs at San Francisco to admit free of duty, three (3) cases containing an assaying and weighing machine for the use of the Mint at San Francisco, which arrived at New York per Steamer Rhénania from Hamburg and was shipped in bond by Messrs Hensel, Bruckmann & Loebach on the 18th instant to the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

J. Warren Minell, Esq.

Nov. 21, 1881.

Treasurer Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

95 Milk St.

Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I transmit herewith certain receipts and certificates of the purchase of silver bullion from the Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, amounting in the aggregate to \$858,897. and have to respectfully request that you will endorse the receipts and sign the certificates as Treasurer of said Company and return the same to this office as early as practicable.

The payments for the silver covered by the certificates are suspended in the accounts of Mr.

M. V. Davis, Superintendent New Orleans Mint, by the accounting officers for the authority of H. R. Wolcott to sign as acting manager, and in addition to the amounts for which power of attorney, was given by your Company to the Hon. H. P. Hill to sign.

In returning the certificates to this office I will thank you to forward a certificate showing you are Treasurer of the Boston & Colorado, Co. the same being required by the accounting officers.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

November 21, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director,

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 21, 1881.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refinery Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director,

First Auditor,

November 21, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending Oct 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Nov. 21, 1881,

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 21, 1881,

Supt. U. S. Mint;

San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction the pay-roll of the Assayers Department belonging to your Refinery Expense Account for the month of October 1881.

The last name on the roll is "J. Renall" it should be "J. H. Menall."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 21, 1881,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Circulars to Postmasters, No. 202.

Very respectfully,

H. C. Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 21, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have
been mailed you this day, viz:

2000 Circular letters to miners No. 201

5,000 Certificates of Gold Deposit No. 4, B.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

Nov. 21, 1881.

Assayer in charge

Denver Mint.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000, Reports on Gold Deposits - Assayers - No. 39, B.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent-Mint
New Orleans.

Nov. 21, 1881.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver, to one hundred
^{thirteen} and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Hansel Burchman & Lorbacher,
 25 William Street,
 New York.

Nov. 21, 1881.

Please furnish me with number of car on
 which three cases of machinery were shipped
 by you in bond to the U. S. Mint at San Fran-
 cisco on fifteenth instant.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Chas. F. Conant, Esq.,

Nov. 21, 1881.

Washington Ave.,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been
 received, and it gives me pleasure to comply
 with your request, two copies of report on the
 Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for
 1880 having been forwarded to you this day.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Nov. 21, 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint;

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher #57 of your ordinary
 expense account for the month of September

last reimbursing yourself for the loss on sweeps —
\$54.22 and wastage on the years operations \$8.83,
 both amounts being on account of gold losses, I
 have to say that this office has not been furnished
 with any memorandum showing the sale of
 any sweeps by your Mint, or the losses thereon.

Before the first amount named can be
 allowed it will be necessary that a detailed
 statement be furnished, showing the value of
 the gold and silver in the sweeps, the amount
 realized on account of each, and the propor-
 tion of the amount properly chargeable to the
 different funds or appropriations as required
 by the Regulations.

In regard to the other item, wastage
 on gold for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881,
 it would not be proper to pay for wastage in-
 curred in the last fiscal year from funds
 appropriated for the expenses of the current-
 year.

The proper form of rendering a bill for
 expenses of this kind, is to name the account
 of your bullion accounts which is to be re-im-
 bursed as per form herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Chas. A. Parker, Esq.,
 Cashier, Mt. Vernon Banking Co.
 Mount Vernon, Ind.

Nov. 21, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing
 check on National Park Bank, New York, for
\$70. with the request that a like amount
 in dimes be sent you, has been received and

in reply I have to inform you that in order to procure fractional silver coin you should make application to the Treasurer of the United States.

I return herewith your check.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Louder Snowden, Esq.,
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 21, 1881.

Sir:

An examination of the pay-roll of the General Department of your Mint for the month of October ultimo, discloses the fact that M. Lafty was employed six (6) days in the capacity of Sunday Watch.

Also M. Lockery in the Coiners department worked fifteen (15) days and four (4) hours over time @ \$1.75 per diem for which she was paid \$26.13; her pay should have been \$27.13.

I will thank you for an explanation of these items.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,
Superintendent; &c.
New York.

Nov. 21, 1881

Sir:

I enclose herewith Draft #15477 for the sum of sixty (60) dollars to the order of Charles Taylor Esq. in payment of certain cupsels recently furnished the laboratory in connection with this Bureau. I will thank you to ac-

knowledge its receipt.

I am sir very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis

Nov. 21. 1881.

Supt Mint,
 New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th, inst. submitting for my approval the appointment of Frank F. Clauser as a weigher in the Assayer's dept. I would call your attention to the fact that the nomination of the Assayer was not forwarded.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor,

November 22. 1881.

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Nov. 22. 1881.

Supt Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department

for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Mr Fitzgerald,

Nov. 22, 1881

Editor of the Item

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I send you to-day copy of my special report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for the year 1880, which I trust you may find useful.

Yours very truly,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,

Nov. 22, 1881,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York City.

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you, for your information and such report as you deem it necessary to make, copy of a letter received and delivered to me by Mr Brooks of the Detective Service.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco,

Notify sellers of silver that Thursday being Thanksgiving day, offers for this week will

be considered at two o'clock P. M. tomorrow
Wednesday.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent-Mint, Nov. 22, 1881,
New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
thirteen and fifteen hundredths cents per
ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent-Mint, Nov. 22, 1881,
San Francisco.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
twelve and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent-Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Telegram Superintendent-Mint Nov. 22, 1881,
Philadelphia

Please return by mail to-day designs for
medals for marksmanship in the Army for-
warded you on the nineteenth instant.

Horatio C. Burchard
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Heersel Burchmann & Co. Bachar Nov. 22, 1881
25 William Street
New York.

By what road was machinery for San Francisco

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Mint shipped from New York and was it shipped under immediate transportation bonds

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Handy & Cronise,

Nov. 22. 1881

No. 24 Wall St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Thursday being Thanksgiving day offers for sale of silver this week will be considered and acted upon at 2-P.M. Wednesday the 23rd instant.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co.

No. 47 Wall Street,
New York City.

C. S. Jackson, Esq.

November 22. 1881

Orangeburg, S. C.

Sir,

In reply to your postal card of the 17th inst. making inquiry regarding the price for silver bullion, I have to say that the value depends upon the price of silver on the day the same is received at the Mint. At the present time, the price paid by the Mint at New Orleans is one hundred and thirteen and one quarter cents.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Major Jas. A. Whittmore,
Acting Chief of Ordnance,
War Department.

Nov. 22, 1881.

Sir:

In reply to your note of current date, I have to state that the designs for medals in marksmanship, in the army were forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint on the 19th inst., and I have requested the Mint by telegraph, to return the same to this office. When received, they will be forwarded to you together with your letters of the 19th, and 21st, insts.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Nov. 23, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1,000 Notices to Silver Sellers
 - 500 Reports of Register of Deposits
 - 200 Monthly report of gold and silver bullion
- Deposits No. 205.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 23, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, returning the designs

for medals for marksmanship in the army.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 23, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing statement of silver purchased from the 14th, to the 19th, instant, inclusive, has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Telegram

Capt. J. V. Finney,

Nov. 23, 1881.

Quartermaster U. S. Army,

Omaha, Nebraska.

Three cases machinery for San Francisco Mint were shipped from New York on the fifteenth instant, by Pennsylvania Company's California fast freight line, Car fifty-six ninety-eight. Please take charge of same on arrival at Omaha and ship as provided by General order, number sixty-six, July twenty-fourth, eighteen seventy-six.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,

Nov. 23, 1881.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Nov. 23. 1881.
New Orleans, La.
 Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
 fifty thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen
 and eight one hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Nov. 23. 1881.
New Orleans.
 Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 and thirteen cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Nov. 23. 1881.
San Francisco.
 Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 twelve and four tenths cents per ounce fine.
 Confirmed. Horatio C. Burchard, Director.
 Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Barson.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Nov. 23. 1881.
Philadelphia.
 Telegraph in fine ounces amount of silver on
 hand to-day.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank. Nov. 23. 1881.
San Francisco.
 One hundred thousand ounces of your offer
 accepted.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

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Telegram

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall Street
New York.

Nov. 23. 1881.

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to,

Telegram

Wandy & Cronise
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Daniel Meyer.
San Francisco.

Telegram

Superintendent-Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Nov. 23, 1881.

Receive from Anglo-Californian Bank one hundred thousand ounces, at one hundred twelve and ninety-eight hundredths cents per ounce.

From Daniel Meyer fifty thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Bank of California
San Francisco.

Nov. 23, 1881.

Your offer declined.

Confirmed

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Belmrich & Hansen,
San Francisco.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Nov. 23, 1881.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Jas. B. Colgate & Co 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.18

Handy & Cronise 50,000 Ounces, at 1.1304

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

John S. Stout, Esq.,
 Oxford Junction, Iowa.

Nov. 23, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst., has been received and referred to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 23, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd, of November, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, replying to the complaints of William M. Runkle, has been received and forwarded to the Secretary.

Your successful administration of the

affairs of the Mint is of itself an answer to any complaint of neglect of attention to your duty as Superintendent.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.,

Nov. 23, 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I forward you, as requested, copy of the Circular of the First Auditor, dated November 8th, 1881.

So far as it relates to the certificate of delivery by the receiving officer or clerk, the same rule is established for the office of the Auditor in the settlement of all accounts passing through his office that was laid down by this office for the government of the Mints and Assay Offices under the control of the Bureau of the Mint in the Regulations of 1880, and re-enacted page 20, Section 7, in the Regulations of 1881, and to which we have endeavored to have their practice conform.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

Gen. S. V. Benét

Nov. 23, 1881.

Chief of Ordnance,

War Department.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 22nd instant, I return herewith the designs for models for marksmanship in the Army, enclosed in your letter of the 19th instant.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Nov. 25. 1881.

Assayer in charge,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon
the Printer for blank

Circular letters - 2.000Production of Mines 2.000 andBullion handled by bankers 200

and as requested in your letter of the 18th, in-
stant copies will be mailed you as soon as
received.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Nov. 25. 1881.

Assayer in charge
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon
the Printer for,

Envelopes 9x4 3.000.-" 9 1/2 x 4 1/2 3.000.-

and as requested in your letter of the 18th in-
stant, copies will be mailed you as soon as re-
ceived.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and
settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the

Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Assayer in charge,
Mint, Denver.

November 26, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense ^{account}, for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

First Auditor,

Nov. 26, 1881

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard

Director.

A. Walters, Esq.,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Assayer, Boise.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2,000 Assay wrappers200 Receiving Clerks monthly silver report.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Jas. Crawford

November 25, 1881.

Supt Mint,

Carson.

Sir:

Referring to voucher 96 of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of October 1881, from E. Daugherty for report on the gross yields of the mines of Nevada, returned herewith, I have to request that you will withdraw the same from your account as it is properly payable from the appropriation for "Collecting Mining Statistics". If you will have Mr Daugherty sign the endorsement which

I have written on the bill and return it to this office, I will have it paid here and a draft for the amount mailed you.

I return "Account Current" and "Abstract of Expenses" for correction.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Nov. 25, 1881.

San Francisco, Cal.

In my absence nearly one hundred copies of special Report were mailed newspapers and citizens of California. Bold distribution until list mailed to-day reaches you.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.

Nov. 25, 1881.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

In future when telegraphing on Wednesday of each week the amount of silver bullion on hand, you will also please state the amount purchased during the month.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint

November 25, 1881.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to voucher #60 of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of October 1881,

bill of H. J. Mullan for files, I would say that the prices paid seem to be extravagant in comparison with the contract price for files, but in view of your explanation in regard to the purchase I have decided to approve the bill. The fact that the articles were ordered by an operative officer would not be sufficient reason for approval of the bill, but if you deemed the purchase of a superior quality necessary for the business of your Mint you would be justified in buying as you did.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,

Nov. 25. 1881.

30 Rue St. Marc

Paris.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 26th of October calling my attention to a difference in the value of the Egyptian pound of 100 piasters as stated on p. 48 of my report for 1880, from the value calculated from data given on p. 154.

You will observe that the circular stating the value at \$4.97.4 was dated Jan. 1. 1880 and prior to the receipt of the communication from the United States Consul to Egypt, published on p. 154, and the value of \$4.97.4 was ascertained from data received in 1874.

The value given by you \$4.94.3 based on the later information is correct.

The same communication states also that the piaster is the unit of the money of account and it so appears in the circular of

Jan. 1, 1881, a copy of which I enclose.

I will be glad to receive the work to which you refer "Arbitrages et Parités".

My report for 1880 is now in press and I will take pleasure in transmitting a copy as soon as it appears, meanwhile I send you a copy of my report upon the production of the precious metals in the United States.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Bern. C. Wright, Esq.,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Evening Bulletin,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I mailed to you personally a copy of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for 1880, and by error of the mailing clerk duplicate copies were also sent to the "Bulletin" and to the "Evening Bulletin" each.

Presuming that you have no use for this number, I will thank you to send the extra copies to the San Francisco Mint, or if distributed by you, forward me the names of the persons to whom they were delivered, and keep a record of the names of persons by whom the copies are received.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you a list of names of per-

sons and newspapers to whom copies of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals for 1880 were mailed directly from this office and I have telegraphed you to hold the distribution until you receive the list, in order to prevent duplication.

Notice should have been sent you at the time the books were forwarded, but it was overlooked.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Gas. Crawford,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Supt. Mint, Carson,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst, making requisition for a supply of blank "Requisitions for funds" Form #36-A. I have to call your attention to the fact that on Sept. 11th 1880, I forwarded to you 200 of the blanks named, and as you are only required to use one each month, they should be sufficient for at least 10 years. There are none of the blanks on hand, but I send you 100 of the old form which can be used by changing the word "Quarter" to "Month".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Frederick MacCallister, Esq.,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Daily Alta-Californian,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

By an error of the mailing clerk, duplicate copies of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals for 1880 were sent you.

Please send the extra copy to the San Francisco

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Mint, or notify me of the person to whom it was delivered, as I keep a record of the persons by whom copies are received.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis,

Nov. 25. 1881.

Supt. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir,

I return herewith bill of Lewis Johnson for iron and steel work, voucher #67 of your Ordinary Expense Account for month of October 1881.

There is no date on the face of the bill showing when the work was performed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

The Blake Crusher Co.

Nov. 25. 1881.

New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 12th instant for one crusher, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this bureau, amounting to \$50. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Richards & Co.

Nov. 25. 1881.

4. Murray St.

New York

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 16th instant for laboratory supplies, purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this bureau amounting to \$53.58 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. S. Perkins & Co.

Nov. 25. 1881.

Mt. 20th St.,

City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 17th instant, for 2 tons white ash stove coal, purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this bureau, amounting to \$13. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

N. Y. Daily Bulletin Ass'n.

November 25, 1881

New York,

#32 Broadway.

Gents:

Your bill of the 22nd inst. for one years subscription from Sept. 20th 1881, to the daily edition of your paper purchased for the use of this office, amounting to \$14.⁰⁰ has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint U. S.

Nov. 25, 1881.

San Francisco,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Frank Soule, Conductor in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 15th inst., forwarded with your communication of the 15th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 25, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Reports of unpaid warrants.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
 Supt Assay Office
 New York City.

Nov. 26, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
 have been mailed you this day, viz:

10,000 Statements of bullion deposits. #104 &

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Nov. 26, 1881

Sir:

The samples of silver forwarded by reg-
 istered mail on the 14th inst, have been receiv-
 ed. I will have them assayed as requested
 and a report thereon sent you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Nov. 26, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the
 official oath of Miss Hattie M. Rideout, Adjuster,
 in the Coiners department of your institution,
 bearing date of the 25th inst, forwarded with your
 communication of the 25th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

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A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 Philadelphia

Nov. 28, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith letter of H. H. Wellington,
 Cashier First Natl Bank, Adams, Mass, enclosing
 check on Importers and Traders Natl Bank, New
 York, for \$200.- for return of a like amount in
 minor coins.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Nov. 28, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd, inst. was held without
 reply for my return and conference with the
 Secretary.

As you state that you have now storage
 capacity for six or eight millions, it is not thought
 advisable at present to construct an additional vault,
 but should there be no probability of action suspend-
 ing the silver coinage, you will be authorized to
 provide necessary vault room.

Please give an estimate of the cost of the vault
 and how soon its construction must be commenced.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

Joseph Nimmo, Esq.,
 Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Nov. 28, 1881.

Sir:

I return by bearer the files of the "New York

Shipping and Commercial List," borrowed some time since from your Bureau.

Please accept my thanks for the use of the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Ogden H. Vail, Esq.,

Box 2,342,

New York, N. Y.

Nov. 28, 1881,

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. is at hand. I have received nothing at this office in regard to the production and condition of the Badger Mine other than the information contained in my report of 1880. The report for the succeeding year has not yet been prepared.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. Fitzgerald, Esq.,

City Stem,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 28, 1881,

Dear Sir:

Your copy of account for publishing proposals for machinery in 1878 is received. I will see what can be done to secure its payment.

Thanks for the copy of your notice of my report.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

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Hon. J. D. Defrees,
Public Printer.

Nov. 28, 1881.

Sir:

Please deliver to bearer the three copper plates furnished by this Bureau for printing plates for my report on the production of precious metals in the United States.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

B. F. Stephens, Esq.
No. 4 Trafalgar Square,
London, Eng.

November 28, 1881.

Sir:

I will thank you to renew the subscriptions of this office - for the "Chemical Society Journal" and "L'Economiste" for the year 1882 - transmitting bills in duplicate for the same to this office.

Very respectfully,

Director.

J. H. Johnson, Esq.
Jackson,
Mich.

Nov. 28, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant - addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to a premium paid for old coins, has been referred to this Bureau.

The Government does not pay any premium for old coins, nor does it desire to secure them.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 28, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit per registered mail to-day, a package containing \$12.25 in mutilated silver coin received at this office from John Bailey, Medford, Minn. You will please return the bullion value of the same to Mr Bailey per registered mail.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram W. V. Davis,

Nov. 28, 1881.

Superintendent-U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and fifteen hundredths cents (\$1.1315) per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colorado.

Nov. 28, 1881.

Leave of absence for thirty (30) days from first-proximo granted as requested.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 29, 1881.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Nov. 29, 1881.

New Orleans.

Telegram should read advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Nov. 29, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In compliance with the request in letter of the 15th inst., the sample of copper accompanying the same has been assayed at the laboratory of this Bureau and by the acting Assayer of the Philadelphia Mint, with the following results:-

As assayed by W. P. Lawver, Assayer of the Mint Bureau, copper ninety-eight and two tenths.

As assayed by Jacob B. Eckfeldt, Acting Assayer of the Philadelphia Mint, ninety-eight and three tenths.

The assay at the Bureau was made by direct precipitation and the volumetric method; at the Philadelphia Mint, the electrolytic process, which the latter states he considers the most correct and reliable.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Nov. 28, 1881.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th, of October, asking that I make the instructions so explicit that you may

know to what extent you can pay depositors in double eagles when they desire to be so paid, I have to say that it does not seem proper to me to direct you in regard to the payments you should make to depositors. The order of the 21st. ult. related to the coinage of gold to which the Government had acquired title by paying the depositor out of the Bullion Fund the value as soon as it should be ascertained. The bullion then belongs to the Government and, as was said in my annual report, the depositor loses all right to direct into what denominations the Government shall coin it.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Editor Daily Coml. Bulletin,

Nov. 29, 1881.

No. 32 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th. inst. is received. My Annual Report for 1881, is now in the hands of the printer and when issued I shall take pleasure in forwarding you a copy.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Mess. Wm. B. Dana & Co.

J. A. Waldron, Esq.,

Coml. & Financial Chronicle,

Machado, Cal.

79 + 81 William Street, N. Y.

George V. Tompkins, Esq.,

22 Burling Slip

New York, N. Y.

Prof. T. Eggleston,
School of Mines,
New York, N. Y.

Nov. 29. 1881.

Sir:

I have received a copy of your pamphlet on "The Formation of Gold Nuggets and Placer Deposits," and also of that on "The Cause of Rustiness &c" for which accept my thanks.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Prof. T. Eggleston,
School of Mines,
New York, N. Y.

Nov. 29. 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd. inst. is received, and I have endeavored to have a pamphlet edition of 250 copies of your article published in my report printed at the Government Printing Office for your use. The pages are stereotyped, and it could be done cheaply, not costing over ten dollars.

I expect to hear tomorrow from the Public Printer whether it is possible to print it here: if not, I will have the plates forwarded to you for your use in printing a pamphlet copy if you so desire.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon R. L. Gibson,
No 1728 Rhode Island Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Nov. 29. 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th. inst. recommending Mr

Peter Hiernan for appointment to the Coinership of the New Orleans Mint, has been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Nov. 29, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Daily bullion reports - M & R.

1,000 Daily bullion reports Coiner.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Nov. 29, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Transfers of Gold and Silver

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5,000 Certificates of Gold Deposit No. 4. F.
7,000 Statements of Gold Bullion No. 39. G.
10,000 Memorandums of Gold Bullion No. 42. G.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

Nov. 30, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
 have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Approximate Statements of Business No 197

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Nov. 30, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
 have been mailed you this day, viz:

2,000 Certificates of Silver purchases No 6. D.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall
 House of Representatives,
 Sir:

November 30, 1881.

I have your letter of yesterday re-
 questing that I furnish you with twenty-five
 copies of my report, for distribution among your
 constituents. I shall take pleasure in comply-

ing as soon as they are received from the printer.

Should I receive similar requests from half the members of the House, it would exhaust the number that will be printed, in which event, I think I will have to look to you to introduce a Resolution to print an additional supply.

My list of persons to whom the report will be sent embraces chiefly the names of those interested in matters of finance, and I would be glad to have the names of those whom you desire to furnish, lest I send duplicate copies.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mrs. A. Briggs, Esq.,

Nov. 20, 1881.

Depy Coll. Custom House,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th inst. requesting copies of my late report is received. I have but a limited supply of the report on the "Production of Gold and Silver in the U.S. for the use of my office, but you can doubtless obtain a copy by application to a Senator or Member, as 11,000 were ordered printed for distribution by Congress.

If you refer to my Annual Report for 1880, it has not yet been received from the printer.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Chas. A. Rice, Esq.,
251 Broadway,
Chelsea, Mass.

Nov. 30, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th inst., requesting copy of my last Report is received. My annual Report for 1881 is in the hands of the printer and has not yet been issued.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director

Similar letter addressed to

<u>A. J. Foster, Esq.,</u>	<u>Denison B. Smith,</u>
Room 5, No. 158 Superior St.	Secy. Produce Exch.
Cleveland, O.	Toledo, Ohio.

<u>Edward S. Wheeler, Esq.,</u>	<u>W. V. Poor, Esq.,</u>
Dyes Govt. Counterfeit Detector,	No 70 Wall St.
No 1388 Chestnut St., Phila.	New York, N. Y.

<u>Carl A. G. Adair, Esq.,</u>	<u>W. R. McDonaghy, Esq.,</u>
Gen. Agt. N. Y. Life Ins Co.	No 100 Summer St.
76 West 3rd St.	Boston, Mass.
Cincinnati, O.	

<u>Geo. Mansland, Esq.,</u>	Dec. 1, 1881.
Editor Am. Bankers Assn,	
No 247 Broadway,	
New York, N. Y.	

Sir:

Yours of the 30th ult., requesting a copy of my report is received and I shall send you one as soon as the copies are delivered by the printer.

If my official duties will permit me to attend the meeting of the Bankers Association, I

shall be pleased to furnish you the article you request.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Boston + Colorado Smelting Co., Dec. 1, 1881.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and thirty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Nevada Bank, Dec. 1, 1881.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer, Similar telegram sent to
San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 1, 1881.
New Orleans.

Receive from Boston + Colorado Smelting Company forty-five thousand ounces, at one hundred thirteen and thirty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 1, 1881.
San Francisco.

Receive from Nevada Bank ninety thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and nine tenths cents and from Daniel Meyer, fifty thousand

ounces at one hundred twelve and eight tenths
cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Your offer declined.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Telegram Bank of California, Helmreich & Hansen,
San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram Misses Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of 200,000 ounces of silver
at 113.24 per ounce fine is accepted and that of
50,000 ounces at 113.29 per ounce fine is declined.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Superintendent-Mint;
Philadelphia.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made
this day, at the Department by the Secretary of
the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the fol-
lowing parties, at the rates and for the amounts
respectively named, which you will receive
and pay for, as may be preferred, either in

silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of
Handy & Cronise 200,000 ounces, at, \$1,132 1/4

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden,
 Supt. Mint,
 Philadelphia

Dec. 1, 1881.

Sir

The following coins reserved during the month of November at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office, have been received.

4 Standard Dollars	<u>\$ 4.00</u>
2 Eagles	<u>20.00</u>
4 Half Eagles	<u>20.00</u>
Total	<u>44.00</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Statements of Localities of Silver, Deposits No. 203
 200 Statements of Localities of Gold, Deposits No. 204,
 500 Abstract & Warrant Clerks Summaries,
 50 Monthly Statements of Charges Imposed No. 83

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

3000 Certificates of Silver Deposits for Bars. No. 5. F.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Th. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

250 Abstract Clerks Gold Reports.

250 " " Silver "

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Th. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Sir:

I return herewith the official bond of
Edward F. White as Coiner of your Mint exe-
cuted in the sum of \$10,000.- under a commis-
sion issued by the President of the United
States, bearing date of the 25th of October 1881.

The bond is imperfect in that it is not
dated,

You will not deliver his commission until
his bond has been approved by the Sec-

Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Dec. 1, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Amelia Nightingale, Adjuster, in the Coiner's department of your institution, bearing date of the 19th, ult., forwarded with your communication of the 21st, ult.,

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 2, 1881.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of James Crawford, Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-nine ^{and 72/100} (\$14,749.72) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 2, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will

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cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. London Snowden, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia the sum of One Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-eight and $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars, (\$131,298.⁶²) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia

Dec 2, 1881.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, the sum of \$131,298.⁶² on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount. This sum with \$200,000. deposited August last is the balance (\$331,298.⁶²) of silver profits on hand at your Mint as shown by your accounts, June 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

Dec 2, 1881.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary

of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, the sum of \$14,749.⁷² on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Dec. 2. 1881.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month, has been fixed at 1,000,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans. La.

Dec. 2. 1881.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined at your Mint during the current month has been fixed at 375,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Dec: 2. 1881.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined at your Mint during the current month, has been fixed at 75,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer in charge,
Helena, Mont.

December 2. 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment upon receipt of the goods in proper condition, bill of Savage & Stovell for 303 pounds of fused borax shipped your office on the 29th ultimo as per Quartermaster's receipt enclosed.

You will please pay the bill by draft on the East and take the expenditures up in your ordinary expense account.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

Messrs Savage & Stovell,
Frankford Chemical Works.
Philadelphia, Pa

Dec. 2. 1881.

Gentlemen:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your bill in duplicate for 303 pounds of fused borax shipped the Assay Office at Helena, Montana on the 29th, ultimo, I have to inform you that the same has been referred to the officer in

charge of the institution named with instructions to send you a draft for the amount \$147.⁷¹ upon receipt of the goods in proper condition.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett,

Dec. 2, 1881.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for payment, bill of Henry Troemner for balances, weights, &c. shipped your institution on the 9th ultimo, amounting to \$1,946.⁷⁵ the amount to be paid from the appropriation for fixtures and apparatus of your institution.

I enclose herewith duplicate bill which you will keep on file in your office, as a matter of reference only.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Henry Troemner Esq.,
710 Market St.
Phil.

Dec. 2, 1881.

Sir:

Your bill of the 10th, ultimo for weights balances &c. purchased for the use of the Assay Office at St. Louis, amounting to \$1,946.⁷⁵, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the

amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Captain John V. Finney,

Dec. 2, 1881.

Quartermaster U. S. Army,

Omaha Nebraska.

Have Railroad Company delivering machinery at Council Bluffs render and transmit their account for freight and charges, direct to this office, and the amount will be promptly paid.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco.

Coin eight hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars in December.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 2, 1881.

Supt Mint, of the U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Yours of the 30th. ult. containing suggestions in regard to minor coinage, has been received, and ^{will} receive careful attention, and I will at the proper time, lay the suggestions before some member of the Committee on Coinage.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 2, 1881.

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you \$2.70, the price of the medals enclosed in your letter of the 1st. inst.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 3, 1881.

Sir:

I submitted the letter addressed to you by J. S. Warner respecting the city water tax, and your letter relative thereto, to the Hon. William Lawrence, Comptroller of the Treasury, who says, that in the case stated, he should advise the payment of the tax prior to May 1st. The account would, therefore, probably be passed without objection.

Under the Ordinance quoted, reading "that the Water Dept. be authorized to receive water rents from Government places using water semi-annually without penalty," I do not see authority for the imposition of any penalty upon the Government, even if the tax is not paid until the close of the half year.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Phila.

Dec. 2, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. 321 for \$1.00, being on account of Refining

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Earnings enclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Dec. 2. 1881

Supt. Mint U.S.

Sir:

I have to request that you will procure and forward to the U.S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Missouri, 50 pairs Wills furnace in melting room.

I will also thank you to cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Assayer in charge at St. Louis five ounces pure gold, twenty-five ounces pure silver, and ten pounds pure rolled lead for assay purpose.

You will please transmit bills in duplicate for the above to this office.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger:

Dec. 2. 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office, Boise City, to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-three $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars (\$9,553.12.) in Gold Coin, and

Eighty-six $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars, (\$86.06) in Silver Coin making a total of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-nine $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars, (\$9,639.15), being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 4837-38 dated Nov. 23, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Dec. 2, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-nine $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,739.03) in Gold Coin, and Six $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars, (\$6.24) in Silver Coin making a total of One Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-five $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,745.24) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1678, dated Nov. 25th, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Cabin Hough, Esq.,
 No. 781 Duane St.
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dec. 2, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter requesting a copy of my Annual Report has been received.

The report is now in the hands of the printer and as soon as issued, I shall be pleased to forward you a copy.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Dexter A. Hawkins, Esq.,
 Of Hawkins & Sedney,
 No 55 Broadway N. Y.

Albert S. Bowles, Esq.,
 Office Bankers Magazine
 251 Broadway, N. Y.

Jos. A. Gier, Esq.,
 No 505 N. 4th St.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

W. G. Abbot, Esq.,
 Conn. Mutual Life Ins. Co.
 Hartford, Conn.

W. C. Ford, Esq.,
 97 Clark St.
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dec 2, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter requesting a copy of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U. S. has been referred to this Bureau

I have but a limited number of copies for the use of my office, but you can doubtless obtain a copy by application to a Senator or Member, 11,000 copies having been ordered printed for distribution by Congress.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

B. C. Barry, Esq.,
 Wooster, Wayne Co., O.

Dec. 3, 1881.

Sir:

Yours requesting copies of report of ^{the} Director of the Mint for the years 1874 ^{and} 1881 has been received.

The report of 1874 is not to be had. That of 1881 is now in the hands of the printer, and I shall be pleased to forward you a copy as soon as issued.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Ogden H. Vail, Esq.,
 Box No. 2342.

Dec. 3, 1881.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd, inst. is received. I can not say that no one outside of myself has seen any report of United States Officers except the one published in my report of 1880 on the property of which the Badger forms part of the Consolidation, for some person engaged in collecting statistics of the production of California may have made a statement, but no one has any authority to make an official statement on the subject, and any such statement made would have no more weight than that of any other person of veracity who had seen and examined the mine.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent United States Mint, Dec. 3, 1881.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Certainly. My purpose to recommend the suspension of silver coinage had been expressed before the present Secretary was appointed. Mr. Horton and the bi-metallicists concur.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq., Dec. 3, 1881.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5000 Assayers Reports on Silver Bullion, Deposits No 40 C.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq., Dec. 3, 1881.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Small Invoices

5,000 Memorandums of Silver Bullion deposited.

250 Abstracts of Disbursements. 53 A.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Dec. 3, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
 have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Statements of U. S. Mints. forwarded.
1000 " " deductions to Supt.
400 Condition of Bullion Fund Statements.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Superintendent,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 3, 1881.

Sir:

I return herewith Certificate of Gold De-
 posit #394 for the signature of the party reciv-
 ing the amount of the deposit.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Henry Towner, Esq.,
 710 Market St.
 Philadelphia,

Dec. 3, 1881.

Sir,

I have shipped to you by Adams Express
 the assay balance purchased from you about
 a year ago for the laboratory in connection
 with this office.

It has become very much corroded (it is pre-
 sumed) from acids used in making the
 coloring matter with which the frame
 was stained. Please remove it from the

case it is in, and place it in one similar to those lately made for the New York Assay Office but do not place the corner screws for locking at the end as on those, they should however be shorter and smaller than those now on, in order to lower the case as much as possible also remove the points supporting the ends of the beam and put a mill-head $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in diameter at the end of the rod for raising the beam.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

The Tribune Co,
 Corner Madison & Dearborn Sts.
 Chicago, Illinois.

Dec. 3, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Please forward to this office, for one year from receipt hereof, a copy of the Daily Tribune. Please transmit your account in duplicate to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Jas. B. Thompson, Esq,
 121 Quincy St.
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dec. 3, 1881.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st instant requesting to be informed of the countries that have adopted a decimal system of currency.

I enclose you a list of countries the coins of which, are according to the decimal system so far as the denominations of divisions, but

are not all based upon the metric system.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.,

Dec. 5, 1881.

Assayer in Charge.

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

178 Statements of Gold & Silver of Domestic production.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.,

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge

Assayer in Charge,

Charlotte, N. C.

St. Louis, Mo.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge,

Helena, Mont.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 5, 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2000 Memorandums of Silver purchases

200 Statements of Gold & Silver of Domestic production.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

December 5, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Statements of Gold & Silver of Domestic production

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Herman Silver, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge
Denver, Col.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Superintendent-*re*,
Philadelphia.

Dec. 5, 1881.

Sir:

I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States, that the supply of five cent nickel pieces is exhausted and I have therefore to request that you will at the earliest date practicable execute the coinage of five cent pieces recently authorized.

I am Sir very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Dec. 5, 1881.

Sir:

I return herewith the designs for medals for marksmanship in the Army together with a copy of a letter addressed to this office by the Chief of Ordnance in relation to certain alterations in the inscriptions as made by the designer.

You will please proceed to prepare the dies and strike the medals required as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 5, 1881.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
New Orleans.

Dec. 6, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of October, 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. J. C. Pund,

Dec. 6. 1881

House of Representatives

Sir:

I herewith transmit the Assayers report upon the samples of ore left at this office on the 1st instant.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Robt. W. Miles, Esq.,

Dec. 6. 1881.

Freeport, Ills.

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you draft for fifteen dollars in payment of your bill for services in procuring statistics.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

B. B. Lapham, Esq.,

Dec. 6. 1881.

Canandaigua, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of Dec 3rd, inquiring whether any work has been ordered printed by Congress on Mineral Resources West of the Rocky Mountains, since the report by R. W. Raymond in 1876 has been received,

No such work has been printed except the report made by the Director of the Mint in 1881 on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U. S. which has been ordered published by Congress, and copies can doubtless be procured, by application, from Senators or Members.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,

December 6, 1881.

Superintendent, &c.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant making requisition for certain Bulletins, Blanks, and cards. As these items seem to be exceptional you are hereby authorized to have the same printed.

I am Sir very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Linkins & Co.,

Dec. 6, 1881.

Cor. 20th & M. Sts.

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find Treasury Draft #15,626 for the sum of thirteen (\$13) dollars in payment of two tons Coal recently furnished the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau.

I am very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

N. F. Whiting, Esq.,

Dec. 6, 1881.

Treasurer N. Y. Commercial Bulletin.

32 Broadway, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find Treasury Draft #15,625 for the sum of eleven dollars (\$11.-) in payment of one years subscription for the New York Daily Commercial Bulletin.

I am Sir very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Blake Crusher Co.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dec. 6, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find Treasury Draft #18,624 for the sum of Fifty (\$50) dollars in payment for one Crusher recently furnished for the laboratory in connection with this Bureau.

I am very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

J. W. Rhodes, Esq.,
Quitman, Ga.

Dec. 6, 1881.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 1st inst. addressed to the U.S. Treasurer, requesting to be informed how many cents in silver bullion to the ounce, has been referred to this Office.

Silver bullion has an intrinsic or market value, which changes from time to time according to supply and demand. At to-day's quotation the value of a troy ounce of fine bullion is 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

It also has a coining value, or rate at which it is coined by the Government into silver dollars, which is 129 $\frac{2}{3}$ c per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Superintendent, &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 6, 1881.

Sir:

An examination of the Bullion Accounts of your Mint, discloses the fact that the receipt signed by the person receiving the net value of

the deposit of gold or silver is often without date and although not absolutely essential to the validity of the said receipt, it ought always to be inserted.

Your attention is called to the matter in order that this may be obviated in the future.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Supt. Mint, U.S. Phila.

Dec. 6. 1881.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 3rd instant I transmit you by current-mail 50 copies of my Annual report for 1881, received yesterday from the printer.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall,
House of Representatives.

Dec. 6. 1881.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 29th ultimo I send you to-day twenty-five copies of my annual report for 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. F. Ludwig, Esq.,
Western Union Telegraph
New York.

Dec 7. 1881

Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the late hour

at which the silver quotations furnished by you are received at this office. On Thursdays the day upon which purchases are made, it is very desirable that the quotations should be here before two P.M. On Thursday last they were not received until after three P.M. and up to three P.M. to-day, have not come to hand.

I trust you will take such measures as will insure the delivery of the quotations at earlier hours than recently.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

J. E. Howard, Esq.,

Dec. 7, 1881.

Silver Cliff Republican,

Silver Cliff Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of Dec 2nd is received and I take pleasure in forwarding you a copy of my last annual report.

I shall be pleased to receive from time to time copies of your paper containing local information in regard to the production of precious metals.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Dec. 7, 1881

Philadelphia

Please name two papers in your city in which to advertise for nickel.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans

Dec. 7. 1881

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
thirteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Leodin Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint,
Philadelphia

Dec. 7. 1881

Sir:

I have forwarded by mail two broken
spiral springs that were attached to the
agitator made in the machine shop of
your Mint. Please have them repaired or
new ones ordered and forwarded as early
as convenient.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dec. 7. 1881

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report
upon special assay coins taken from the first
deliveries in each week at your Mint during
the month of October, 1881, and forwarded for
test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal
limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Dec. 7. 1881

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following special assay coins taken from the November deliveries of your Mint and forwarded on the 1st inst., as required by the regulations have been received, viz:

4 Standard Silver Dollars — \$4.00

1 Eagle 10.00

Total 14.00

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Dec. 7. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I enclose a letter addressed to you in the 22 of November, which was inadvertently misseut.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Dec. 7. 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Please inform me what amount is shown by the books of your office to have been deposited between the 30th of June 1878 and the 1st of July, 1881 as profits on silver coinage at each coinage Mint, including \$100,000.~ deposited on the 26th of June, 1878, on account of the San

Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Superintendent, &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 8, 1881.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer, Receipt #156. "Assayer's Report upon Silver Bullion" forwarded with the Bullion Accounts of your Mint for the 3rd quarter 1881.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Superintendent, &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 8, 1881.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Treasury Draft #19,843 for the sum of \$4 ⁵⁷/₁₀₀, for which I will thank you to send me one Gold medal with the head of Garfield on one side and wreath on the other.

I am Sir very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Dec 8, 1881.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and fifty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

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Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 8, 1881.
New Orleans.
 Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Com-
 pany, forty thousand ounces silver at one hund-
 red thirteen and fifty-eight hundredths
 cents per ounce fine.
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank Dec. 8, 1881.
San Francisco.
 One hundred and fifty thousand ounces of
 your offer accepted.
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 8, 1881.
San Francisco
 Receive from Anglo Californian Bank, one
 hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one
 hundred twelve and eighty-four hundredths
 cents per ounce fine.
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise Dec. 8, 1881.
24 Nassau Street, N.
New York,
 Two hundred thousand ounces of your offer
 accepted.
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 8, 1881.
Casson, Mint,
 Offer of Williams accepted.
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram J. B. Colgate & Co., Dec. 8, 1881,
 47 Wall Street, New York
 Your offer declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Similar Telegram sent to
Telegram Helmuick & Hansen Nevada Bank,
 San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram P. W. Lilienthal, Daniel Meyer,
 San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram Bank of California
 San Francisco.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq., Dec. 8, 1881.
 Superintendent U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Hendy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces, at 1.1334

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 8, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th ultimo stating that the chairs now in use in the various offices of the Mint are worn out and that it is necessary to replace them with others and requesting authority to do so. You are authorized to purchase such number of chairs as may be required and to pay for the same from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger

Dec. 5, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Nine Hundred Four ³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$904.93,) in Gold Coin, and Ten ⁷⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$10.74) in Silver Coin making a total of Nine Hundred Fiftyn ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ Dols. (\$915.67,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1713, dated Dec 2nd 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard

Director.

Frank W. Taphagen, Esq.

Dec. 7. 1881

No 173 Division Av.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Yours requesting a copy of my report on the "Production of Gold and Silver" has been received. I have but a limited number for the use of my office, but you can doubtless obtain a copy by application to a Senator or Member, as 11,000 copies were ordered printed for distribution by Congress.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Gas. S. Vosseller, Esq.

Dec. 7. 1881.

Union County Clerk's Office,

Elizabeth, N. J.

Sir:

A. L. Snowden, Esq. December 9. 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with your telegram of the 7th instant I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to advertise for proposals for nickel.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Gen. S. V. Benét

December 9, 1881.

Chief of Ordnance

War Department

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information

copy of a letter received at this office from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in regard to the preparation of the dies and the striking of the medals for marksmanship in the army.

The suggestions made by Supt. Snowden are worthy of consideration and I send them to you for such action as you may deem proper in the premises.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans, La.

December 9, 1881.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of December 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$11,210.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$1,560.-
Wages of Workmen	"	7,100.-
Contingent Expenses	"	2,550.-

Pressure of business has prevented my acting upon your requisition sooner.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge,
 U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

December 9, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

letter of the 29th ultimo, transmitting the resignation of Mr F. A. H. Bay, Principal Assistant in your office to take effect from the 1st of November 1881, and his name will be dropped from the "Official Register" of this office from that date.

I desire to express my regret that the service has lost as faithful and efficient an officer.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. S. Sheldon, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Middlebury
Vt.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant relative to the smaller silver coins of 1881, and also inquiring the price of the Garfield silver medals, I enclose you a circular in regard to the sale of medals and proof coins at the Mint at Philadelphia. The price of the Garfield silver medals is 60 cts for the large and 24 cts for the small size.

There is no limitation placed upon the number of proof sets sold to any one person.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the month of Dec-

cember, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$331.
70, payable from the following appropriations
made for the support of your institution, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$231.70</u>
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Contingent Expenses	"	<u>100.~</u>
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Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

December 9, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the present month, has been approved for the sum of \$10,000.~ payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$2,000</u>
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Wages of Workmen	"	<u>6,000</u>
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Contingent Expenses	"	<u>2,000</u>
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Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

December 9, 1881.

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office,

Helena, Mont.

Sir

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the month of December, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$2,500.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries	1882	\$,500
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>1,000</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>1,000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

December 9, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of December, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$29,600.~ payable for the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>2,100</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>22,500</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>5,000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger

Dec 9, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th instant enclosing a copy of a communication from the Consul General of the United States at St. Petersburg, relative to the value of the paper rouble, with the request that I state the value in the money of the United States of the gold, Half-imperial, with which the paper rouble is compared.

The value of the gold Half-imperial

of Russia, is \$3,98⁶⁵ in U. S. gold coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letters of the 1st instant I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,800.-, \$10,000.- of the amount from the appropriation contained in the 1st Section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar passed February 28, 1878, and \$800. from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Pressure of business has prevented me from acting upon your requisition for funds sooner.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to issue his warrant in your favor for the sum of \$12,000.- payable from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion to meet the expenses of the refinery of your Mint during the current month as requested in your letter of the 20th ultimo.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

December 9, 1881.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 2nd instant I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6,000.~ from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion to meet the expenses of your refining during the present month.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Norman C. Kelley, Esq.,
Spauld, Wis.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant requesting to be furnished with a descriptive list of the National medals and the terms on which they can be obtained.

Enclose you a circular relative to the same and their sale at the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Dec. 9, 1881,

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. advising me of your intention to apply for payment of the balance due you as salary for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1877, unpaid and not appropriated for that year is received. I see no impropriety in asking

that in the proper appropriation Act of the present session of Congress provision should be made for paying arrears of salary due you.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail some blank vouches of office as requested in your letter of the 30th ultimo.

As soon as I can give the subject attention blanks will be prepared and sent to the public printer to be printed for use in your office, but it will probably be some months before they can reach you.

I would call your attention to the fact that you are required to render a monthly account of the expenses of your institution consisting of the pay-rolls of the officers and workmen and bills of expenses paid together with an abstract and account current.

Please inform me whether you have been furnished with the forms suitable for this purpose, and if not I will see that they are sent to you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Turnbull, Esq.,
Winslow, Ills.

December 9, 1881.

Sir:

Your requesting copy of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals has been received.

I have but a limited number for the use of my office, but you can doubtless obtain a copy by application to a Senator or Member, as 11,000 copies were ordered printed for distribution by Congress.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Assay Office
New York,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$6,642⁶⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$ 2,792.⁶⁰</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>2,100.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>750.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer St. Louis.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1881, has been approved for the

sum of \$800.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ <u>300.-</u>
Wages of Workmen.	"	
Contingent Expenses	"	
Fixtures & Apparatus	"	<u>500.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. Silva, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$2,300.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ <u>900.-</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>900.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>900.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Supt Mint, Phila.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1881, has been approved for the sum of \$33,500.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>2,500</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>25,000</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>6,000</u>

Pressure of business has prevented previous action on your requisition.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Mrs Mary B. Cunningham, Adjuster in the Coiners department of your institution bearing date of the 30th ult. forwarded with your communication of the 1st instant.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
New Orleans.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Joseph Murphy, Watchman in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 2nd inst., forwarded with your communication of the 6th inst.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Lucy Harper, Adjuster in the Coiners department of your institution, bearing date of the 5th inst., forwarded with your communication of the 3th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Albert Jansson, Janitor in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 30th, ult. forwarded with your communication of the 30th ult.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Richard A. Elmer,
 Second Asst. Post Master Genl.
Washington, D. C.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. in regard to procuring a set of Metric Coins and have requested Mr. Snowden, Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, to send me if practicable, a set for you.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Becker & Sons,
6 Murray St.
New York.

December 9, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 6th instant for weights so purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$30.70, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. A. & A. L. Boulter,
1906 Brown St.
Phila.

December 9, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 29th ultimo, for 6 bridges, 6 back stops & packing, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this office, amounting to \$2.31, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries

in each week at your Mint during the month of October, 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881,

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Hon. Richard A. Elmer, Second Asst. Post-Master General, desires a set of the Metric coins for a friend who has a very valuable collection of coins. I shall be pleased to gratify him, and will thank you to send me, if practicable, a set for him^{fr}, which I will remit you its value.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

December 9, 1881,

Supt. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

C. D. No 5460 for \$1,000.- being on account of profits on medals, enclosed in your communication of the 6th inst., has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5461, for \$80,000.-, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5415 for \$985.⁰⁰, being on account of Refinery earnings, enclosed in your communication of the 3d inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt. Assay Office New York.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 287, for \$24,730.²⁴, being on account of surplus bullion returned by the Melters & Refiners enclosed in your communication of the 5th ul-

time, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Dec. 9, 1881.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 290, for \$292⁰⁶, being on account of melting & alloy charges in November, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 8th, inst., has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

December 9, 1881.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 291, for \$7,814.²⁴, being on account of refinery earnings for November, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 8th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and re-

fining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

Dec. 9. 1881

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Forty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-one $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars (\$41,771.75) in Gold coin, and Seven Hundred Six $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars (\$706.99) in Silver coin making a total of Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-eight $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars, (\$42,478.74) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1726, dated Dec. 8th 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco.

December 9, 1881.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo making requisition for a Day Book for the Assayers Department of your Mint, and have to state in answer that in view of the urgent necessity for its immediate use, you are hereby authorized to have the same made in your city.

I am Sir very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. Geo. F. Miller,
Senate Chamber

Dec. 10. 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst, requesting that copies of my report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. be sent to the Engineers of the Panama Canal Co, has been received and I shall take pleasure in forwarding two copies by to-days mail.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Superintendent, &c.
Philadelphia

Dec. 10. 1881.

Sir:

In the account for the ordinary expenses of your visit for the month of October last, was a voucher # 338, for 16 tons, 1590 lbs of Council Ridge Broken Coal @ \$5.90 per ton.

A contract was made with Mr Thornton under which he was to furnish this coal at \$4.99 per ton. I will thank you to inform me why this coal was not purchased of the contractor.

In future when it becomes necessary for any reason to purchase supplies from anyone other than the contractor or at higher prices than the contract calls for, you will please furnish a statement of the reason for such purchase with the bill.

I am Sir very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

December, 10. 1881.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 10. 1881.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

Dec. 10. 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and St. Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia

Dec. 10, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & St. Silver Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,
Sir:

Dec. 10, 1881.

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Refinery and St. Silver Dollar Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent-Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dec. 10, 1881

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refinery and St. Silver Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Holmes, Brothers & Hayden
 49 Chambers Street
 New York.

Dec. 9, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 8th, instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to furnishing blanks for 5¢ nickel pieces has been referred to this office and in reply I have to state that for the present no contracts will be given for nickel blanks as it is the desire of the Department to receive the old copper and the copper nickel cents now on hand at the Mint at Philadelphia, by melting and adding the proper amount of nickel to bring them up to the standard of the 5¢ nickel piece.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

Dec. 10, 1881,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Mrs Marie A. Whittingham, Adjuster in the Coins department of your institution, bearing date of the 2^d inst. forwarded with your communication of the 3^d inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Holters, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge Assay Office,
 Boise City, Idaho.

December 10, 1881.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

of your institution for the present month, has been approved for the sum of \$750.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882,

Viz:

Salaries 1882 \$250.~

Contingent Expenses " 500.~

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger

Dec. 10, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, be increased \$50,000.~ by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge at said Assay Office, with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Hon. Wm. H. Furness,

Dec. 10, 1881.

House of Representatives

Sir:

The following is a description of the large copper coin submitted by you.

Piece of 10 Copecks of Catharine II of Russia. On the obverse - The imperial Russian eagle with the shield upon its breast. Beneath is a scroll bearing the denomination of the coin. On the reverse - The letters "I. E." and the number II interlaced and surmounted by a crown.

The first two figures of the date 1786, are to

the left of the monogram and the last two to the right. The whole enclosed between branches of palm and laurel.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Dec. 10, 1881.

Sir:

The following coins reserved for special assay from the November Coinage of your Mint and forwarded to me in accordance with the regulations have been received.

Three Double Eagles	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
Two Eagles	<u>20</u>
Two Half Eagles	<u>10</u>
Three Standard Dollars	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>93.</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Dec. 10, 1881

Sir:

I herewith transmit, the Assayer's report upon the samples of silver granulations sent me with request that I have them assayed.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt Mint,
 Carson.

December 10, 1881,

Sir:

The special test-coins reserved from the November deliveries of your Mint and forwarded to me as required by the Regulations have been received.

Three Eagles	\$ 30.
One Half Eagle	5.
Three Standard Dollars (Regular)	3.
One do do (Revised)	1.
Total	<u>39.00</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdick,
 Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.,
 810 Market St.
 Philadelphia

Dec. 10, 1881.

Sir:

The assay balance forwarded by you in place of the one returned, has been received.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdick,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Superintendent, &c.
 Philadelphia.

Dec. 10, 1881.

Sir:

In the list of articles of stationery for which you made requisition a few days since were the following items, viz:

" $\frac{1}{2}$ Gross Copy Books ruled plain & $\frac{1}{2}$ Gross Ruled
 \$ & 45."

I will thank you to forward samples of these books.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

The Tribune Co.

Dec. 10, 1881.

Chicago.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 5th instant for one years subscription to your paper daily & Sunday is -
 sue purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$14.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Mr. Hester Morgan

Dec. 10, 1881.

1219-1229 Callowhill St.

Phila.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 8th instant for machinery, purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$22.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

D. M. Stone, Esq.,

December 10, 1881.

Editor Journal of Commerce
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

The personal letters written you in January and February last, and the instructions for the government of the Mints sent you showing the difference between the present and former methods of crediting the seigniorage to the Silver Profit Fund Account, and the resulting difference between the amount of yearly profit based on purchases and that based on actual coinage, I supposed until the publication of late articles in the Journal of Commerce had fully satisfied you and allayed all suspicion of irregularities in Mint accounts and any doubts as to the integrity of the clerks that examined them.

Seeing no necessity for again procuring and examining accounts long since settled by the Auditing Officers, and personally occupied with the supervision of current office business, preparation of statistical reports the revision of the instructions and the annual examination of the Mints, and not having, since writing you, again read the letters, I forgot and overlooked the fact that a further examination had been suggested, and might be expected.

Reminded of the latter by your article still questioning the accuracy of the accounts, I have now had the forty-eight quarterly accounts of the coinage Mints for the last three fiscal years, belonging to the files of the Registers Office carefully examined to ascertain the amount and disposition of the profits on the Silver Coinage for the period during the greater part of which I had supervision of the Mint

and I am able to say that they show that every ounce of silver bullion received at the Mints during those years has been accounted for and that the profits at each resulting from silver coinage less payment of expenses for distribution of silver dollars, wastage and losses on sales of silver sweeps had been deposited in the Treasury or were charged to and held by the Mints at their last annual settlement.

The accounts show, that prior to January 1st, 1881, the seigniorage on silver was credited at all the ^{coinage} Mints when purchased, in compliance with instructions then in force, but at the Philadelphia Mint, at the close of the quarter the unearned profit on the uncoined silver bullion was charged back for the purpose of having the accounts of that Mint show the profits only on the silver actually coined.

This explains why the profits from silver coinage, as published in the Annual Reports of the Director and made up from statements annually forwarded by the Mints, will not agree with a statement of profits computed either on the amount of silver purchased, or on the amount coined during the year. The explanation, therefore, suggested in my personal letter as probable is the correct one, and as you quoted from the letter, you are authorized to publish it in full.

I have not taken the needless time to to examine the accounts prior to the year near the close of which I entered upon the duties of my office.

No accounts in the Public Service are examined with greater care before settlement than those of the Mints. Every account and voucher is scrutinized in the office of the Director of the

Mint, and again examined, as the check marks show, in the offices, first of the First Auditor and then of the Comptroller of the Treasury.

The intentional allowance of dishonest entries or credits would involve the integrity not only of the book-keepers and Superintendents of the respective Mints, but of each set of clerks in the three independent Bureaus who examine the accounts before final settlement.

The enclosed statements give the aggregate amount of silver bullion available for coinage on hand, received, coined, and the disposition of the silver bullion and of the profits from its coinage.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Statement of ounces and cost of silver bullion available for coinage on hand and received at the coinage Mints from June 30, 1878, to July 1st 1881, with disposition and profits to be credited on coinage thereof.

	Total Silver bullion Standard oz.	Cost:
Balance July 1 st 1878 San Francisco & Carson Mints	805,223.32	Profits previously credited
" " " " at Philadelphia	2,634,549.37	2,872,704.86
Purchased, Bailed &c	70,998,118.29	72,685,989.85
Total ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	74,438,190.98	75,458,694.71
Disposition		
Wasted and sold in sweeps	120,562.61	136,394.45
Balance July 1 st 1881	3,145,117.13	3,191,211.19
Consumed in coinage	70,367,287.92	72,131,089.07
" " "	805,223.32	Profits previously credited
Total ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	74,438,190.98	75,458,694.71
Coinage of silver on which profits are credited	\$81,883,299.61	
Cost " " " " " " "	72,131,089.07	

Profits on the coinage of the 3 fiscal years. \$ 9,752,210.54

Profits on the coinage of silver as shown by the Bullion accounts of the Mints.

Balance on hand July 1 st 1878	* \$ 424,725.47
Profits on coinage of silver from July 1, 1878, to June 30, 1881.	9,752,210.54
Surplus Bullion & Adjustments on Trade Dollars ^{and}	
Subsidiary Silver carried to credit of Silver Profit Fund	4,560.30
	<u>10,181,496.31</u>

Disposition

Deposited in the Treasury	* \$ 8,774,374.81
Paid for expenses of distribution	221,124.78
Paid for loss on sweeps sold	39,997.90
Paid for wastages	44,804.53
Paid for losses on recoining in 1878	48.86
Balance in Mints July 1, 1881.	<u>1,101,645.43</u>
	\$ 10,181,496.31

* Includes \$100,000 transferred at Treasury Department June 26, 1878, to Bullion Fund account and notice not received at San Francisco Mint until succeeding quarter.

Hon Charles J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 12, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) by a transfer of that amount and that of this sum, Ten Thousand Dollars, (\$10,000) be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and that the balance Five Thousand (\$5,000) be transmitted him in notes or gold coin of the following denominations.

\$ 5.	<u>\$1,000.-</u>
10.	<u>2,000.-</u>
20.	<u>2,000.-</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office.
 Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 12, 1881.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 9th instant, I have requested that your bullion fund be increased \$15,000.- by a transfer of that amount, and that of this sum \$10,000.- be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, and the balance \$5,000.- be transmitted you in gold coin or notes of the following denominations:

\$5.-	<u>1,000</u>
10.-	<u>2,000</u>
20.-	<u>2,000</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans, La.

Dec. 12, 1881

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th instant enclosing sample of paper for wrapping standard silver dollars and inquiring if the same can be furnished by the Department has been received.

In reply I have to inform you that upon making requisition for such quantity as you desire, the Department will furnish the paper cut as

per sample enclosed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 12, 1881

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am verbally informed by the Treasurer of the United States that the supply of 5¢ nickel pieces in the Treasury is exhausted and that he is unable to supply the demand for them from Assistant Treasurers.

It is therefore very desirable that you should commence the coinage of such pieces as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James A. Crawford, Esq.,

Dec. 12, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting in view of the number of demands made by depositors of gold bullion at your Mint for payment in double eagles, that authority be given you to coin a part of the gold bullion into that denomination of coin.

As gold coin instead of paper, is employed for heavy business transactions on the Pacific Coast and a greater proportion of large denominations of coin is required than where currency is more generally used, it is deemed advisable

and you are instructed to coin a portion of the gold bullion belonging to the bullion fund of your Mint, into double eagles instead of eagles, reducing the coinage of the latter but continuing to coin the greater part into half eagles.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Dodsworth, Esq.,

Dec. 12, 1881.

President, N. Y. Daily Bulletin Co.,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing Treasury drafts Nos. 11,701 ^{ms} 15,625 for \$11.~ each issued in payment of the subscription of this office to the Daily Commercial Bulletin and returned by you with the request that another draft be sent to you in favor of J. W. Dodsworth, new Treasurer of the association.

I have submitted your letter and the drafts to the First Comptroller of the Treasury and he decides it is necessary that your Company should conform to paragraph 7. of Department Circular No. 37. dated April 6, 1881, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

The drafts enclosed by you are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

December 12, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horalio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Dec. 12, 1881.

Supt. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending November 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horalio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor:

Dec. 12, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horalio C. Burchard, Director.

Hermann Silver, Esq.,
Assayer, Denver.

Dec. 12, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor:
Treasury Department.

Dec. 12, 1881.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena

Dec. 12, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

Dec. 12. 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 12. 1881.

Supt. Mint; San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

Dec. 12. 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery, & Statistical Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Dec. 12, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts for the month ending November 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

Dec. 12, 1881.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Joseph B. Hamstead Machinist in the Coin's department of your institution, bearing date of the 5th inst forwarded with your communication of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. Silver Esq.
 Assayer in Charge.
 Denver, Col.

December, 12, 1881.

Sir

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2,000 Letters requesting statistical information

2,000 Reports by Mining Cos.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq,
 Supt. U.S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Dec. 12. 1881.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause the following named dies, for the Calendar year 1882, to be prepared and transmitted to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, viz:

Eagle obverse	<u>3</u>
" reverse	<u>3</u>
Half Eagle obverse	<u>3</u>
" " reverse	<u>3</u>
Standard Silver dollar obverse	<u>10</u>
" " " reverse	<u>10</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Miss Nannie Kuntz,
 Sumner,
 Ills.

Dec. 12. 1881.

Madam:

Your postal card of the 7th instant addressed to the Treasury Department relative to a premium offered for a U.S. cent of 1858 has been referred to this Bureau.

Cents coined in 1858 are worth no more than their nominal value.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq,
 Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

December 12. 1881.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5463 for \$50.th, being on account of

charges other than refinery, enclosed in your communication of the 10th inst- has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

December 12, 1881,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your ordinary expense account for the month of November, 1881, I desire to direct your attention to the following vouchers; No. 218, bill of G. Rossie the signature for the receipt of the money is witnessed by Horace Beach. It is manifestly preferable that the receipt of money should not be witnessed by the person making the payment, and hereafter where persons make their mark for the receipt of moneys due them, the witness to the signature should be some person not directly connected with the transaction.

Voucher No. 234 bill of Opherdier & Co is marked "duplicate". The original should be forwarded in all cases, and if you will forward the original of this bill, I will have it placed with the account and the duplicate returned to you.

Voucher No. 260, bill of Holbrook, Merrill & Stilson. The prices of the articles purchased are stated in "bits". They should be stated in dollars and cents, this being the only money recognized by the laws of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard, Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt U.S. Mint.

Dec. 12. 1881.

New Orleans.

Sir:

No requisition for dies for the calendar year 1882 having been received from you, I have instructed the Supt at Philadelphia, to prepare and transmit to your Mint three pairs each of Eagle and Half Eagle dies and ten pairs of Silver dollar dies. Please forward your requisition at an early date.

As heretofore instructed you will at the close of the current-year destroy all obverse dies in your possession and return to the Mint at Philadelphia such reverse dies sent you for use in 1881 as have not been used, commencing the year 1882 with new dies and report to this office the numbers of all the dies destroyed and also of those forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia,

Dec. 12. 1881

Sir:

C. D. No. 5462, for \$711.¹² being on account of refining charges, enclosed in your communication of the 10th inst, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

December 12, 1881.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant requesting to be furnished with a further supply of reports on Production of Gold & Silver and send you by current mail 25 copies additional.

The number at the disposal of this office is limited, but 11,000 copies are furnished to Congress for distribution. Applications received by you from residents of Montana will doubtless be acknowledged on reference to the Delegate from that Territory.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. James B. Belford

Dec. 12, 1881.

House of Representatives

Sir:

Yours of to-day, requesting copies of the Mining report to be sent to J. B. Groesbeck, La Plata Mining Co, is received. As 11,000 copies were ordered published for distribution by Congress, twenty or thirty copies must have been placed at your disposal, but as you may have exhausted your supply, I send to Mr Groesbeck in accordance with your request.

I have sent thirty copies to leading papers in Colorado, and one hundred copies for distribution through the Denver Mint, which is all that I can spare for your state, unless for some special case.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. John R. Thomas,

Dec. 12, 1881.

House of Representatives

Sir,

In reply to your verbal inquiry as to what changes have been made at the Coinage Mints in the methods of keeping account of the profits on the coinage of silver, and whether the annual reports of the Director of the Mint show the profits of each year on the amount actually coined, I have to say, that the Instructions of this Bureau in force from 1874 to July 1880, page 13, directed "that on all silver purchased or parted the profit shall be credited, at the end of each quarter, equal to the difference between the rate of purchase and issue."

The method, however, of charging the profits at the time of purchase was not strictly in accordance with the law, which required the profit to be credited on all silver coined, and accordingly, this Regulation was modified by the revised Instructions of 1880 and 1881, which directed the profit to be credited at the end of each quarter on all silver coined.

The reason the former Instructions ordered the seigniorage to be credited at the time of the purchase was doubtless to enable the Superintendent, in his accounts with the Melters and Refiners and Coiners to charge and credit the silver bullion at a constant unit of value - its coining rate.

The difficulty, if not impossibility, of ascertaining the exact value of successive deliveries of portions of silver purchases bought and charged to the Operative Officers at varying rates was obviated by directing their accounts with the Superintendent to be kept in ounces instead of values.

The profits, therefore, prior to January 1st, 1881

were credited at each Mint, on the purchases and partings of the quarter: but, at the Philadelphia Mint, the profit on the uncoined silver was charged back at the close of the quarter for the purpose of having the accounts of that Mint show the profits on the amount actually coined.

At the end of the fiscal year, statements were required to be made and forwarded to the Director, showing the earnings and expenditures of each Mint, including the profits on the silver coinage. From these statements, which were in some cases merely approximate estimates, the statement of the total profits at all the Coinage Mints was made up for each year as published in the reports of the Mint Bureau prior to 1880.

It is evident, therefore, that the annual reports of the Mint Bureau, prior to 1880, did not show the total yearly profits from the coinage of silver, whether computed on the purchases or upon the coinage of the year.

Since January 1st, 1881, the accounts of the Mints and reports of earnings, as to the profits on the silver have been made to conform to the revised Instructions of 1880.

I have had the accounts of the coinage mints for the last three fiscal years carefully examined in order to ascertain the actual profits on the coinage of silver during that period, and find that every ounce of silver bullion available for coinage is satisfactorily accounted for and that the profits have been paid into the Treasury.

These accounts and the vouchers accompanying them are examined in the office of the Director of the Mint, the First Auditor, and the Comptroller of the Treasury, and I have not felt it necessary to make another examination

for the years prior to the time that the supervision of the Mint Service was placed in my charge.

The enclosed statements show the aggregate amount of silver bullion on hand, received, coined and otherwise disposed of during those years.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

December 13. 1881.

Sir:

On the 12th, of last month I addressed you a letter in reference to voucher No. 187 of your ordinary expense account for the month of June in which I stated that it could not be allowed in the settlement of your accounts until the proprietor of the Morning Appeal furnished the Department with his rates for advertising. As I have received no reply from you I am compelled to address you again upon the subject, and to say that it is very desirable that your accounts for the last fiscal year should be settled, which cannot be done, except by having a disallowance until the necessary information to enable the Secretary to approve the bill referred to is received.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Dec. 13. 1881.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for collecting mining statistics for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881, bill of Wm B. Dougherty, amounting to \$15.~ for furnishing a report of the gross yield of the mines of Nevada for the year ended June 30, 1881.

The account will be stated in your favor and the draft made payable to your order to reimburse you for the amount previously paid Mr. Dougherty, and the transaction need not appear in your accounts.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

Dec. 13. 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

December 13, 1881

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

December, 13, 1881,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at New Orleans for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Supt. Mint,

Dec. 13, 1881,

New Orleans:

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

December 13, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Dec. 13, 1881.

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

Dec. 13, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Walters, Esq.,
Assayer, Boise City,
Sir:

December, 13, 1881,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,
Sir:

Dec. 13, 1881,

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

A. Walters, Esq.,
Assayer Boise City,
Sir:

Dec. 13, 1881,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Supplemental Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

First Auditor,

December 13, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Dec. 13, 1881.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Dec. 13, 1881.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine to-day.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Hon. Richard A. Elmer,

Dec. 13, 1881.

Second Asst, P. M. G.

Sir:

Enclosed find a set of Metric coins forward

for you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please send by the bearer its value \$6.⁰⁰ which is to be returned to that officer.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos C. Acton, Esq.,

Dec. 13, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York, City.

Sir:

Yours of the 12th inst, enclosing responses of Messrs. Torrey and Eaton to the charges made by Wesley Jones that Government property had been used for private purposes, has been received.

The denial of yourself and the Assayer that Government property is improperly used is satisfactory. The statement of Mr Eaton that he has used the laboratory for private work, when there was no other to be done, though supplying his own chemicals and apparatus, apparently violates Section 25 of the Genl. Regulations relative to Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

December 13, 1881

Supt U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction, "Statement of Gold and Silver Sweeps of 1879, 1880th & 1881, sold August third 1881" enclosed in your letter of the 9th instant, for the purpose of furnishing the

the necessary information to enable me to approve a voucher in your ordinary expense account, transferring the sum of \$54.²² from your contingent appropriation to your coin account to cover the gold loss occasioned by the sale.

The value of the gold in these sweeps as given in this statement is \$340.³⁰ and the amount received for it \$207.⁷² which would make the loss \$130.⁵⁷, instead of 136.⁵⁷ as given in the statement, and the net loss, deducting \$82.²⁷ (surplus bullion) \$48.²² instead of \$54.²².

You will please make the necessary corrections and return the statement to this office.

As your account has already been held several weeks waiting for this information, you will please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 13, 1881.

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia

Sir,

I return herewith the sample leaves (enclosed in your letter of yesterday) of certain books for which you recently made requisition and will thank you to indicate thereon the kind of binding and number of leaves required for these books.

This information is called for by the Chief of the Stationery Division in the Secretary's office for his guidance.

I am Sir very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.,

December, 13. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant I have to inform you that no transfer of silver bullion will be made from your Mint to New Orleans.

You can therefore use the 200,000 ounces heretofore set aside for transfer to New Orleans.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Dec. 13. 1881.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office

Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, with the request that the account be stated in your favor, bill of Moro Phillips for 1,043 pounds of Bone Ash, furnished May 24, 1881, and amounting to \$1,04³⁰ the amount to be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year 1881.

The draft will be drawn in your favor to reimburse you for the amount paid Mr Phillips and no entry need appear in your accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. H. L. Morcy,

Dec. 13. 1881

House of Representatives

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. requesting extra

copies of my report, has been received

The report was printed for the use of the Department, and not for general distribution, but I take pleasure in sending you this day half a dozen copies.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James M. Swank, Esq.,

Dec. 13, 1881

No 265 South 4th St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I mail you to-day a copy of my Special Report on the production of the precious Metals in the U. S.

I should be glad to receive copies of your reports on Iron and Steel for 1879 and 1880.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Dec. 14, 1881

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred twelve and one fifth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Mint

San Francisco.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,

Dec. 14, 1881.

Assayer in Charge
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

250 Certificates of Gold Deposits No 4 G.

15 Oaths

4 Official Bonds No 57 B.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Dec. 14, 1881.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Certificates of Gold Deposits No. 4. G.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 14, 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

2,000 Memorandums of Silver Bullion purchases.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge,
 Denver, Col.

December 14, 1881

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Statements of Gold Bullion Deposits No 39B.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

E. G. Jewett, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge,
 St. Louis, Mo.

December 14, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Assayer's Reports upon Ore.

197 Statements showing the amount of Gold and Silver received.

50 Abstracts Petty Expenses.

15 Affidavits of Surety No. 59.

20 Abstracts of Disbursements No 53, A.

50 Pay Rolls.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 14, 1881

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred twelve and ninety-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer, &c,
Charlotte, N. C.

December 14, 1881

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th instant, leave of absence is hereby granted for twenty (20) days to George Behanna Assistant Assayer in your office.

I am Sir very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

Dec. 14, 1881

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office, at Helena, Montana, for the quarter ending March 31, 1881, and send to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Dec. 14, 1881,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana for the quarter ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Frank H. Ward,

December 14, 1881.

South St. Wharf,

Schuylkill River,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I have to inform you that proposals will be invited in a few days by public advertisements through the newspapers of your city, to furnish the wood required for the Philadelphia Mint, from January 1, to December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

December 14, 1881

Supt U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

The contract for furnishing your Mint with wood expiring on the 31st instant, I will thank you to prepare and forward to this office an advertisement inviting proposals to furnish wood for one year from the 1st proximo and for other supplies for which no contract has been made for the six months ending June 30, 1882. In order that I may procure the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for its insertion in such newspapers as you may select, your early attention is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. J. Woodruff, Esq.

Dec. 14, 1881

No. 421 - 11th St. N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of current date, I enclose herewith copy of a letter of the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint submitting for approval your dismissal as assistant to the cashier in the General Department of the New Orleans Mint.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Dec. 14, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the United States at Denver, Colorado, be increased Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank at Denver, by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Dec. 14, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eight $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars (\$20,808.76) in Gold Coin

and Two Hundred Fifty Three ¹⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$253.19) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty One Thousand Sixty One ⁶⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$21,061.65) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1743, dated Decr. 7th, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison,

Dec. 14, 1881,

Assayer

Helena.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement your Bullion accounts for the first and second quarters of the present calendar year.

You are hereby authorized and instructed to calculate the value of Silver deposited for bars at \$1.00 per standard ounce on and after January 1, 1882.

You are also directed to calculate the Charges on the full amount of all deposits — including the slips, — and to enter in your accounts as "Charges included in Bullion forwarded to the Mint" the exact amount each quarter deducted at the Mint at their charges.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Dec. 15, 1881.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,

Dec. 15, 1881.

24 Nassau Street,

New York.

Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces at one twelve seventy nine accepted, other declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

J. B. Haggis

Dec. 15, 1881.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Daniel Meyer,

San Francisco.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Dec. 15, 1881

San Francisco.

Receive of J. B. Haggis eighteen thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and one half cents and from Daniel Meyer Eighty thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Decr. 15. 1881

New Orleans

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
forty-five thousand ounces silver, at one hundred
thirteen and four hundredths cents per ounce fine

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank

Dec. 15, 1881.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Nevada Bank,Helmreich & Hansen,

San Francisco.

San Francisco.

Telegram

Jas B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall Street,

New York.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Decr. 15. 1881.

Superintendent U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this
day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury,
for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the
rates and for the amounts respectively named, which
you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either
in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer
at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of
Handy & Cronise, 200,000 ounces, at \$1.1279

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

First Auditor

December 16, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at San Francisco for the quarter ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden

Dec. 16, 1881.

Supt Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis as early, ^{as} practicable, a set of stamps for stamping bars consisting of office stamp, date, fine ozs. & U.S. and figures from 0 to 9, similar to those heretofore furnished to the Helena Assay Office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 16, 1881

Supt U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

6 Monthly Time Books.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
 Assayer in chg U.S. Assay Office,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Dec. 15, 1881

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant making requisition for a set of bar stamps for the use of your office, and have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to cause the same to be prepared and forwarded to you as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt Mint of the U.S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 15, 1881

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th 1881.

In some particulars these accounts have not been rendered in conformity with the Regulations and the Instructions which you received from the Director when last in your city.

The silver in the Deposit Melting Room Sweep and flux bar has been entered in the accounts at the coining rate of silver, while it should have been entered at the cost price.

The repayments covering the proportion of wastage and loss on sweeps to be paid from the appropriations should have been taken up in three accounts, in order to have prevented the deficiency in your Bullion Fund \$30,301.²¹ being the amount overpaid in your Profit and Loss account.

As it is, your accounts for the second and third quarters will have to be settled together in order that the proper payments of these losses may appear in one statement.

Hereafter, the losses occasioned by sale of sweeps or wastage must be reimbursed in the same account in which such losses appear, as required by the Regulations.

I will thank you to inform me whether the amount of Certificate of deposit No. 587 for \$10,⁶⁴ covered into the Treasury April 29, 1881, has been taken up in your Bullion accounts, and if so, in what quarter's account the Certificate of deposit is entered.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

Dec. 16. 1881

Assayer in Charge
Denver, Col.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Reports by Banks &c.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. I. Davis, Esq.,

December 16. 1881

Supt U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1881. The seigniorage of the quar-

ter has been made to agree with the amount reported on your monthly statements for April, May ²⁰ June, being the difference between the cost of the silver consumed in coinage during these months as entered on the statement, and the face value of the silver dollars coined.

The deposit melting room sweep and flux bar and the Coins sweeps recovered some time ago and charged for the first time in the accounts to the Superintendent have been calculated at \$1. an ounce, being about the cost of the silver in them, instead of the coining rate as entered in your accounts. They have also been carried to the credit of profit and loss, instead of silver profit fund, not being properly a profit on the coinage of silver. In this connection I would say that nothing should go to the credit of the silver profit fund, but the seigniorage of the quarter.

I have started a new account, called silver bullion deposit account, in which has been entered the silver deposited for bars, and the disposition of it. I have charged and credited your silver coin account with the profits deposited and transferred to your bullion fund as otherwise the full transaction will not appear. Please copy these accounts and return them to this office at your earliest convenience, returning at the same time the original with the corrections in pencil to facilitate me in their examination.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. L. Sheldon, Esq.,
Middlebury, Vt.

December 16, 1881.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th instant enclosing \$2.⁰⁵ for certain coins, and in accordance with the terms of the circular enclosed in my letter of the 9th instant, I have referred your letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon. Albert S. Willis,
House of Representatives.
Sir:

Dec, 16, 1881.

I have to acknowledge your reference of a letter from Mr. C. W. Erdman who requests assistance in procuring half dollars of 1802, 1803, 1805, 1806, 1816, 1879, 1880 and 1881.

Those of 1879, 1880 and 1881 can be obtained from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia the earlier dates can be procured only by purchase from numismatists and coin dealers.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

John A. Morgan, Esq.,
Springfield
Ark.

Dec, 16, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst, with sample of one forwarded for inspection is received. The Assayer of the Bureau to whom your sample was referred is of the opinion that it does not

contain either gold, silver or tin. Upon the receipt of \$3. the price fixed by the Department for assaying ore for gold and silver, or \$5. if an assay is also desired for tin. I will have your sample assayed and a report thereon sent you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 16, 1881.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst, making some suggestions in relation to the preparation of the dies and the striking of medals for marksmanship in the Army, I have to say that I have submitted your suggestions to General Benit Chief of Ordnance who verbally acquiesced in the modifications prepared by you.

You will therefore cause the dies for the Division marksmanship medal to be prepared as early as practicable, but before striking the medals, you will forward an impression of the same to this office in soft metal that it may be submitted for the inspection of the General of the Army and the Chief of Ordnance.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 16, 1881

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay

Office, at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars (\$1,614.47) in Gold Coin, and Seventeen $\frac{6}{10}$ Dollars (\$17.06) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty one $\frac{3}{10}$ Dollars (\$1,631.53) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1763, dated Dec. 10, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. M. Reynolds, Esq.,

Dec. 17, 1881

First Auditor of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for the second and third quarters of the present calendar year rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law, with my appraisal. I would call your attention to the fact that the Officer in charge has taken up as transfers in his Bullion Fund Account for the second quarter transfers which were not made until after the close of that quarter, and therefore the statement of his Bullion Fund as furnished by the Treasurer will not agree with his Bullion Fund Account. This was done for the purpose of closing up the business of the fiscal year and showing the profits or losses on the year's business. The bullion was transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia before the close of the quarter, but the transfers were issued afterwards.

In the account for the third quarter, as

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you will see, the Bullion Fund Account is made to agree with the Treasurer's statements, so that the two accounts settled together will be found to be correct.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Reston,

Acting Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.,
Assayer, Denver.

December 17, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Reston,

Acting Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.,
Assayer, Denver.

Dec. 17, 1881

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Reston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

December 17, 1881.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will

cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of W. V. Davis, Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, the sum of two hundred and two thousand one hundred and fifteen dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$202,115.⁵⁹/₁₀₀) on account of profits on coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Dec. 17, 1881.

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name the sum of \$202,115.⁵⁹ on account of profit on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1881, as shown by your accounts. I have also requested that your Bullion Fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Dec. 17, 1881.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed on and after the 1st of January 1882, to calculate

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the value of silver deposited for base at one dollar per standard ounce.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
A. Wolters, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Benjamin Duffee, Esq.,
Clerk Com. of Finance,
U. S. Senate.

Dec. 17, 1881

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst., requesting a set of the reports of the Director of the Mint for the use of the Senate Committee of Finance, is received, and I have to inform you that copies of the annual reports of this Bureau for the years 1878 to 1881, with the exception of 1874, inclusive, have this day been sent you: also a copy of the Special Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U. S.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent-Mint,
San Francisco

Dec. 19, 1881

If in your judgement you think it best you are authorized to employ Glock to put up adjusting machines.

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director

Telegram Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Dec. 19, 1881
Helena, Montana.

leave of absence for sixty days granted as requested.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director

Telegram Superintendent Assay Office, Dec. 19, 1881
New York.

Make no changes in your Bullion Accounts until you hear from me tomorrow.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor, Dec. 19, 1881.

Treasury Department;

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq., Dec. 19, 1881.

Assayer, Helena

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

Emerson Fovle, Esq.,

December 19, 1881.

No. 40 Broadway

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I reply to your letter of the 18th instant in regard to furnishing nickel I have to refer you to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia who, by law, purchases all nickel and other metals used in the minor coinage.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

December 19, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Yours of the 14th, and the copy of the Picayune referred to have been received.

The charge that I could have misappropriated any of the silver profits, as I do not handle a dollar, is preposterous.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Prof. Albert L. Chester,

Dec. 19, 1881.

Hamilton College,

Clinton, N. Y.

Sir:

Your request of the 18th inst. for copies of my Annual and Special Reports is received and I have mailed them as desired.

I am glad to hear that the prospects for Hamilton College are brightening.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. B. K. Bruce,

Dec. 19, 1881

Register of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will furnish me with a certified transcript of the silver bullion account of the Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson Mints for the quarter ending June 30 1878.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

Dec. 19, 1881

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, I send you twenty (20) copies of my Annual Report.

The supply of my Reports on the Production of Precious Metals which was limited, has been largely drawn upon in furnishing the mining sections, and as 11,000 copies are to be distributed by Members of Congress, I refer you or your correspondents to members from your state.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 19, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith additional list of places to which coin has been transported by the Adams Express Company, from your Mint, and

by which you will be governed in making
payment to said Company for transportation.

Very respectfully,

Wenatio C. Burchard
Director.

Thomas C. Aston,

Dec. 19, 1881

Superintendent-Assay Office.

New York

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion accounts for the 2nd
quarter of the present calendar year, in which you
have adjusted the value of the silver bullion on
hand from the rate of \$1.16 $\frac{7}{8}$ per standard ounce
to \$1.00 per standard ounce, thereby creating a de-
ficiency in the Bullion Fund of over \$80,000.- you
are hereby authorized and instructed to correct
the same by carrying the value of the silver
bullion on hand June 30 belonging to your
Bullion Fund at the rate of \$1.16 $\frac{7}{8}$ per standard
ounce and adjusting to its cost price only
such silver purchased in partings from gold
as may be on hand at that date debiting your
"Silver Bullion Profit and Loss Account" with the
profit heretofore declared on such silver and
closing that account.

Hereafter no profit will be declared in
your accounts on any silver purchased or parted
from gold. You will keep and render two "Silver
Bullion Accounts" in one of which you will carry
from quarter to quarter the Silver Bullion on hand
belonging to your Bullion Fund on the date named
at the rate of \$1.16 $\frac{7}{8}$ per standard ounce.

In the other Silver Bullion Account the value
of the silver will be carried at \$1.00 per standard
ounce and the transactions of the quarter with

deposits will be taken up.

In your Balance Account you will enter the balance of silver bullion in each of the two accounts separately.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Dec. 19, 1881

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-nine $\frac{14}{100}$ Dollars (\$6,329.84) in Gold Coin, and Forty-two $\frac{7}{100}$ Dollars (\$42.71) in Silver Coin, making a total of Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-two $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars (\$6,372.85) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1786, dated Decr. 14, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint U. S.

Dec. 19, 1881

Carson

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of November 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

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The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor,

December 20, 1881

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the Quarter ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,

Dec. 20, 1881.

Assayer, Charlotte

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor,

December 20, 1881.

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts for the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte,

N. C. for the Quarter ending September 30, 1881,
rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as
required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,
Assayer, Charlotte.

Dec. 20, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for examina-
tion and settlement, your Bullion accounts for
the Quarter ending September 30, 1881, with my
approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

T. Eggleston, Esq.,
School of Mines,
Columbia College.
New York.

Dec. 20, 1881.

Sir:

I have just been informed by the Public Print-
er that 250 copies of your article with title
page and paper covers will cost you ^{or 500 copies about \$3.50} about \$8.00.

As the plates are stereotyped the paging can-
not be changed from that appearing in the report.

The printing will be done as soon as an order
is received. Awaiting your reply, I am -

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

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Telegram Superintendent Mint,

New Orleans

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and ten hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

December 20, 1881

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing a letter from the Acting Commissioner stating that there are now in his hands 108,000 in excess of the allotment of standard silver dollars, to be coined by your Mint during the current month and asking if the excess cannot be delivered during the calendar year 1881.

You are authorized to receive the same in order that the amount may be counted in the coinage of the current calendar year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

December 20, 1881

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

125 Statements of Charges imposed on Gold and Silver Bullion, No. 83.

100 Abstract Clerks Books.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

A. Houdon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dec. 20, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:
125 Statements of Charges imposed on the
Gold and Silver Bullion No. 83.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Beaupard, Esq., W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev. New Orleans.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 20, 1881

New Orleans has coined over one hundred thousand silver dollars this month in excess of allotment. Can you reduce your allotment by this amount and deliver all bearing the stamp of eighteen eighty-one this month? Answer.

Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

Confirmed

A. Walters,
Assayer,
Boise City.

Dec. 20, 1881.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction, as indicated in pencil, your Bullion accounts for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the present calendar year.

Your Bullion Fund accounts have been cor-

acted to agree with the statements furnished by the Treasurer of the United States. You should enter in this Account each quarter only such transfers as he informs you have been made during the period, and your balance on hand belonging to that Fund must agree with his books, as his statements are the only evidence that the accounting officers have as to what the transfers have been to and from that Fund.

In your Accounts for the 2nd Quarter you take credit for \$103.53 "Collection charges included in bullion forwarded." I have been unable to verify this by your shipment statements, and have therefore reduced the amount to \$97.³² which was the amount deducted at the Mint, including \$1.23 charges on your sweep bar. This leaves you charged with a balance of \$6.22 of Collection Charges, and as you had \$350.⁹⁷ in bullion on hand, it would seem as if you should have about that amount in Mint Charges not forwarded.

If however, you can furnish a statement showing that you actually shipped to the Mint \$103.⁵³ in bullion to meet the charges at that institution, you are authorized to leave the entry in your Accounts as originally forwarded.

These Accounts have been very carelessly prepared, and as they are only rendered only once in three months and the entries nearly all printed except the insertion of the figures it would seem as if they might be correct in every particular when forwarded.

Please correct them and return them to this office at your earliest convenience and also the originals to facilitate in their examination.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.,
Philadelphia,

December 20, 1881

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Andrew J. Lawrence, Roller, in the Coiner's department of your institution, bearing date of the 16th instant, forwarded with your communication of the 19th instant.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
New Orleans.

Dec. 20, 1881

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of F. F. Claussen, Weigher, in the Assayer's department of your institution, bearing date of the 6th instant, forwarded with your communication of the 12th instant.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.,
Philadelphia.

Dec. 20, 1881

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Michael Bradley, Roller, in the Coiner's department of your institution, bearing date of the 13th instant, forwarded with your communication of the 19th instant.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge
 U. S. Assay Office

Dec. 20, 1881.

Sir:

The application of Mr Hanna for increase of compensation, with your reference to me, has been received. I will present the matter to the Committee at the proper time as requested.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. of the U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 20, 1881.

Sir:

Your letter of October 31st, enclosing the letter from the Bank of California in relation to their claim for rebate on account of the change in the valuation of silver bullion deposited for bars was duly received, and the matter held - first during my absence to await my return and subsequently held by me until I could lay the matter before the Secretary.

The statement submitted by the Bank does not present an equitable claim, for it fails to show that the charges they were required to pay on the silver bullion deposited by them were any higher than those charged for refining at private institutions.

Proof should have been made that the regular rates charged by the latter on such bullion were, at the time of deposit less than those at the Mint.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Dec. 20, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Six Thousand Forty-Three $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars, (\$6,043. $\frac{33}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Seventy-Four $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars (\$74. $\frac{56}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventeen $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars, (\$6,117. $\frac{39}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 5258, dated Dec. 5, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Keratis C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint

Dec. 21, 1881.

New Orleans

State by wire amount of silver bullion on hand at close of business to-day after deducting Silver Dollars in hands of Coiner not yet delivered.

Keratis C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Dec. 21, 1881.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred twelve and ninety-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Keratis C. Burchard,

Confirmed.

Director.

First Auditor,

December 21, 1881

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending October 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

December 21, 1881

Treasury Department.
Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the "Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts" of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Ch. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint, Phila.

December 21, 1881

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson City.

Dec. 21, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary [&] Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending November 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Dec. 21, 1881

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book, Coiner's Time Report.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Dec. 21, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book, Melter and Refiner's Receipts, No 29.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
 Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York.

Dec. 21, 1881

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

12 Books of Gold Bullion Receipts No. 7. E.

25 Books of Gold Bullion delivered to the Muller²⁵ Refiner

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. B. H. Bruce,
 Register of the Treasury,
 Sir:

Dec. 21, 1881,

I have to respectfully request that you will furnish me with certified transcripts of the silver bullion accounts of the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson for the quarter ending September 30, 1878.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
New Orleans.

Dec. 21, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of November, 1881 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. B. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Cal

Dec. 21, 1881

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, relative to the purchase of the Army and Navy Register published by J. W. S. Hamersly is received. While metallurgical works and books upon the assaying and treatment of the precious metals might be useful and appropriately procured, I doubt as to the necessity or propriety of purchasing this work.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Dec. 21, 1881.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for correction the accounts current and abstract of expenses of your ordinary expense account for the month of September 1881, together with warrant No 51st enclosure. You will please have this warrant drawn for \$52.22 being the loss on sale of sweeps payable from your contingent appropriation as per statement forwarded on the 10th instant.

Make the necessary correction on your abstract and account current and return the papers to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Benj. C. Wright, Esq.
 Evening Bulletin
 San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 21, 1881

Sir:

Yours acknowledging receipt of the first of the three copies of my report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. is received.

Two additional copies were forwarded you yesterday, in compliance with your request in letter of the 13th inst. Please send to the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint, any copies in excess of the number you desire.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

Dec. 21, 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, with my approval except as to item of "Expenses of distributing silver bullion during the quarter" which has been approved for \$557.²⁰, being the amount of the bills rendered with your account instead of \$557.²², amount entered in your account. This will increase your balance of silver coin on hand from \$1,046,480.²⁸ to \$1,046,480.⁸⁰. In your account for the next quarter you will credit your silver profit fund and charge your coin account with 2¢ being an error of this amount in this account.

Hereafter you will please forward with

bullion accounts a Summary Statement- showing the total silver purchases of the quarter, also a schedule of bills for distributing Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. B. Garrison, Esq.

Dec. 21, 1881.

Assayer in Charge.

Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant has been received making a request for an additional advance of \$250. for the collection of mining statistics.

In answer I have to say that before complying with your request it will be necessary for you to forward an account similar to your Ordinary Expense account, showing the disbursement of the amount heretofore advanced to you for this purpose. You will also please indicate what expenses will have to be incurred for which you deem an advance of this kind necessary.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

Dec. 21, 1881.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the third quarter of the present calendar year, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment- as required by law. I have approved the accounts as rendered, with the exception of the item for expenses of

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distributing silver dollars during the quarter
which has been approved for \$557.20 instead of
\$557.22

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 22, 1881

Philadelphia.

Please send immediately six or seven specimens
of pattern five cent piece.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Dec. 22, 1881

New Orleans.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
thirteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 22, 1881

San Francisco.

Cash Book will be ready for shipment twenty-
seven (27 $\frac{1}{2}$) instant. Have mailed two hundred
thirty-six (236) books on Production of Gold and Silver
to the persons mentioned in your last list.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent Mint, Dec. 22, 1881

New Orleans.

Telegram Leave of absence granted as per request.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint.

Telegram Bank of California Dec. 22. 1881.
San Francisco.

Eighty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer, Dec. 22. 1881.
San Francisco.

Twenty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Dec. 22. 1881.
San Francisco.

Receive from Bank of California, Eighty thousand ounces and from Daniel Meyer twenty thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and six tenths cents per ounce fine.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. Dec. 22. 1881.
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and thirty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Dec. 22. 1881.
New Orleans.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty-five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and thirty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

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Telegram

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

Dec. 22, 1881

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau Street,

Dec. 22, 1881

New York

Your offer of two hundred thousand at one
thirteen naught seven accepted, other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.
Carson, Nevada.

Dec. 22, 1881,

Offer of Scott declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco.

Dec. 22, 1881

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Helmiich & Hanson,
San Francisco.

Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Telegram

W. J. Gleason
San Francisco.

L. Lacour
San Francisco.

A. B. Snowden, Esq.,
 Superintendent U.S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Dec. 22, 1881,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—
 Jas. B. Colgate & Co 75,000 Ounces, at \$1,130 7
 Handy & Cronise 200,000 " " \$1,130 7

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

To the Publisher

Dec. 22, 1881.

N. Y. Shipping & Commercial List

& Price Current

No 68, William Street, N. York.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office for one year the Shipping & Commercial List and Price Current transmitting your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

John A. DeFees, Esq.,
 Public Printer

Dec. 22, 1881

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 20th instant stating that you could print 250 copies of

Egleston's article as it appears in my special mining report, with title page and paper covers for about ⁸/₈. I have to request that you will execute the same.

I send by bearer the plates for the article.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 22. 1881.

Sir:

I enclose herewith statements of the amounts and disposition of the profits at each coinage Mint arising from the coinage of silver during the last three fiscal years, as shown by their quarterly Mint accounts, which, after adjustment, audit and settlement in the offices of the Director of the Mint, the First Auditor and the First Comptroller of the Treasury are filed with the Register of the Treasury, and which were rendered for the period during the greater part of which I have had supervision of the Mint Service.

I have the honor to request that you will designate a competent accountant in your office to verify the statements.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Refer to page 344

W. B. Russell, Esq.,
No. 303. W. 12th St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dec, 22. 1881.

Sir:

Yours of the 10th inst, addressed to the Secretary, inquiring the price per ounce for

since for the last silver purchased by the Government, has been referred to this office for reply.

The coinage Mints are authorized to purchase silver bullion in lots of not less than ten thousand ounces at rates (not exceeding the London price) fixed by the Director. The price to day for such lots of silver 1,000 fine is as follows:— at Philadelphia, one hundred twelve and one half cents, San Francisco and Carson one hundred twelve and two tenths cents, New Orleans one hundred thirteen and one quarter cents.

Lots exceeding ten thousand ounces are purchased on bids forwarded on Wednesday of each week.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Wm. Herman Silver, Esq.,

Dec. 23. 1881

Assayer in charge U.S. Mint
 Denver, Col.

Sir:

Enclosed find list of persons and newspapers to whom copies of my Special Report on the Production of Gold & Silver in the U. S. have been sent. I forward this that duplicate copies may not be sent by you.

Fifty additional copies were mailed you to-day.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Mr Edward Wettnel
 Wilylands, Weston Park,
 Bath, England.

Dec 23, 1881.

Sir:

Yours of the 11th ult, requesting that copies of reports on mining statistics be sent you from time to time is received and I take pleasure in forwarding you to-day a copy of my report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for 1880.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

G. H. Dieckmann, Esq.
 Vandavia,
 Ill.

Dec. 23, 1881.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, requesting to be furnished with a set of gold metric coins. I regret to inform you that I am unable to furnish you with the coins you desire as the entire number struck have been disposed of.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
 Assayer in charge
 U. S. Assay Office.

Dec. 23, 1881.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to open your office for business on the 3rd of January 1882, provided it is in proper condition.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

Thomas Donaldson, Esq.,

Dec. 23. 1881,

No 130 - North 4th St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

If you will forward an itemized account of your expenses while engaged at the Assay Office at New York in connection with the annual settlement, with the proper vouchers and notarial certificate, I will see that the amount due is paid you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Dec. 23. 1881

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$1,000,000 by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger

Dec. 23. 1881

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of

the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurers of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt Mint, Carson
Sir,

Dec. 23, 1881

C. D. 368, for \$1480.⁴⁸, being on account of refinery earnings for November - 1881 - enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion. -

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson.
Sir:

Dec 28, 1881.

C. D. No. 377, for \$204.⁸² being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for salaries 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for salaries at your Mint - 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson

Dec. 23, 1881,

Sir:

C. D. No 378, for \$398.⁷⁰, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for wages 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for wages of workmen at your Mint - 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford Esq.,
Supt Mint, Carson,

Dec. 23, 1881

Sir:

C. D. No 379, for, \$6,647.²⁴ being on account of unexpended balance of Contingent appropriation - 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint - 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, San Francisco,

Dec. 23, 1881,

Sir:

C. D. No 392, for \$12,824.⁸⁵ being on account

of refinery earnings in November - 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting^{2d} refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt Mint, San Francisco,

Dec. 23, 1881,

Sir:

C. D. No. 391, for \$256.⁷⁶, being on account of Melting Charges in November - 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.,
 Supt. Mint,
 San Francisco,

Dec. 23, 1881

Sir:

C. D. No. 390, for \$228.³² being on account of Alloy charges for November - 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, person

al credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.,

Dec. 23, 1881.

Room 91 Concoran Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Rail Road Company for transportation of R. J. Stephens, from Ogden Utah, to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in October of the present year, amounting to \$37.50, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

Dec. 23, 1881.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment upon receipt of the goods in proper condition, bill of J. J. Moore for 50 pairs of fire mills purchased for the use of your institution and shipped you on the 22nd instant as per express, receipt enclosed, amounting to \$32.50.

Please forward a draft for the amount payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the current

fiscal year, and include the expenditures in your account of Ordinary Expenses.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Dec. 23, 1881,

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
 Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment upon receipt of the goods in proper condition, bill of Robt. Taylor & Co. in duplicate, for 50 gold stirrers purchased for the use of your office and shipped you on the 7th instant amounting to \$25.~

Please send the firm a draft for the amount and include the expenditure in your monthly expense account.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Messrs Robert Taylor & Co.

Dec. 23, 1881.

19 Callowhill Sts.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 7th instant for 50 gold stirrers purchased for the use of the Helena Assay Office, amounting to \$25.~ has been referred to the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, with instructions to send you a draft for the amount upon receipt of the goods in proper condition.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 23, 1881

Sir:

Bill of J. J. Moore for 50 pairs of fine Mills purchased for the use of the Assay Office at St. Louis, amounting to \$32.00 has been referred to the officer in charge of that institution with instructions to send a draft for the amount as soon as the goods are received.

As the officer in charge has been instructed to open the institution for business on the 2nd proximo I will thank you to forward the pure gold, silver and lead so as to reach him by that date if possible.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Rees, Welsh & Co.
 23-South 9th St.
 Phila.

Dec. 23, 1881

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 17th instant for books purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$15.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

G. S. Walker, Esq.
1318, New York Ave
City.

Dec. 23, 1881.

Sir:

Your bill of the 17th inst for one slab purchased for the use of the laboratory of this bureau amounting to \$8. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard
Director.

The Manhattan Fire Brick Works,
633 - East 16th St.
New York.

Dec. 23, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 6th inst for 6 muffles purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this bureau, amounting to \$8. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 23, 1881

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22nd ins-

can't recommending that in view of the probable coinage of 5¢ nickel coins during the month of January at your Mint, the coinage of standard silver dollars be curtailed to some extent.

In reply I have to state that on account of the limited vault room at the San Francisco Mint and the fact that comparatively a small amount of silver dollars is distributed therefrom I do not deem it advisable to coin less than 1,000,000 standard silver dollars at your Mint, as the distribution therefrom is more rapid than at any of the other Mints. I will, however, say that you will not be required to coin as large an amount of gold coin during January as heretofore, as I am informed the Treasury is amply supplied with gold coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm. P. Edwards, Jr., Esq.,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Dec. 23. 1881

Sir:

I received your letter of the 2nd instant in relation to your pay as Register of Deposits.

I will say that I think the duties that you perform entitle you to a higher salary and in preparing the estimates for the next fiscal year I estimated for Register of Deposits at \$18,000 being an increase of \$200. per annum over your present compensation.

Should the Superintendent consider that your services at present are entitled to that rate and should make a change so as to permit of your being paid from wages of work-

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men at that rate without increasing the number of employes, I would be pleased to approve it, but it is a matter resting entirely within the discretion of the Superintendent.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Tribune Publishing Co.

Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 24, 1881.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find Treasury draft, No. B. 10,806 for \$14.~ in payment for one years subscription for the Tribune for this Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

Dec. 24, 1881

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing copies of the offers received by you to furnish 20,000 lbs of Nickel is received.

Your acceptance of the bid and award of the contract to Joseph Wharton to deliver 20,000 lbs at 115 cents per pound as the lowest and best bid is approved.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

December 24, 1881

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Charles Warner, Esq.
 No. 132 Broadway,
 New York, N.Y.

Dec. 24, 1881

Sir:

Yours requesting a copy of my Special report is received. I have but a limited number for the use of my office, but you can doubtless obtain a copy by application to a Senator or Member, 11,000 copies having been ordered printed for distribution by Congress.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, of the U.S.
 New Orleans, La.

Dec. 24, 1881.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of five hundred thousand standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. S. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 24, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use, have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books, Weigh Clerks, of Deposit of Gold Bullion

2 Books, Register of Deposits of Gold Bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Dec. 24, 1881.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint, with the Assistant Treasurers of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

E. W. Nash, Esq.,

Dec. 24, 1881.

Treasurer Omaha Smelting & Refining Co.

Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant to the effect that you are now prepared to sell and deliver silver bullion to the Mint at New Orleans, if you can do so on advantageous terms and that you can furnish one hundred

thousand ounces in January and will name a price you will accept on receipt of particulars from me as to manner of settlement. In reply I have to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans is authorized to purchase silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at a price not exceeding the equivalent of the London rate fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint.

At present the price as fixed is not less than five nor more than ten hundredths cents below the parity of the London price on the day of the delivery of the silver at the New Orleans Mint, payment being made in silver dollars or by draft on Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in such coin.

If you prefer you can offer on Thursdays of each week as set forth in the enclosed circular.

There are now two Smelting & Refining Companies delivering the silver product of their works to the Mint at New Orleans, one in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at the rates fixed by the Director of the Mint, and the other on the acceptance of their offers made on Thursdays of each week. Settlement for this silver is made by the Superintendent of the Mint, transmitting drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at New York to the correspondents of the Companies in that city. Should you desire to offer weekly, you could do so by telegraph, basing your offers upon the London quotation of Wednesdays or arrange with some agent or bank here or in New York to offer for you.

Payment for silver is made by the Superintendent of the Mint at which delivered after assay and without interest. The Superintendent could remit proceeds to a person in New York designated

by you, and you could draw upon the latter in three or four days after your shipment.

The London quotation to-day is $54\frac{13}{16}$ - Exchange $48\frac{1}{2}$, equal 113.07 per oz fine, and the price fixed by telegraph to be paid for silver delivered at New Orleans on the 26th instant is 113.00.

I would be pleased to have you sell and deliver at least a portion of your silver at the New Orleans Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

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Statement of sources and cost of Silver bullion available for coinage on hand, and received at the coinage mint from June 30, 1878, to July 1, 1881, with disposition and profits to be credited on coinage thereof.

	Total Silver bullion Standard Oz.	Cost.
Balance July 1, 1878 San Francisco and Carson Mints.	805,223.32	
Balance July 1, 1878 at Philadelphia	2,634,849.37	2,872,704.86
Purchased, Parted re,	70,998,118.29	72,585,989.86
Total	74,438,190.98	\$75,458,694.71

Disposition:

Wasted and sold in Surveys	120,562.61	136,394.45
Balance July 1, 1881	3,145,117.13	3,191,211.19
Consumed in Coinage	70,367,287.92	72,131,089.07
" " "	805,223.32	
Total	74,438,190.98	\$75,458,694.71

Coinage of Silver on which profits are credited \$1,553,299.61

Cost, " " " " " 72,131,089.07

Profits on the coinage of the fiscal year \$ 9,752,210.54

Carried at coining rate on which profits had been previously credited.

Profits on the Coinage of Silver as shown by the Bullion Accounts.

Balance on hand July 1, 1878	* \$ 424,725.47
Profits on Coinage of Silver from July 1, 1878, to June 30, 1881	9,752,210.54
Surplus Bullion & adjustments on Trade Dollars & Subsidiary Silver carried to credit of Silver Profit Fund	<u>4,560.30</u>
	10,181,496.31

Disposition:

Deposited in the Treasury	* \$ 8,774,374.31
Paid for expenses of distribution	221,124.78
Paid for loss on Sweeps sold	39,997.90
Paid for wastages	44,304.53
Paid for losses on recoinages	48.86
Balance in Mints July 1, 1881.	<u>1,101,645.43</u>
	\$ 10,181,496.31

Includes \$100,000, transferred at Treasury Department June 26, 1878 to Bullion Fund account and notice not received at San Francisco Mint until succeeding quarter.

Philadelphia Mint.

	Standard Ounces	Cost.
Balance July 1, 1878	2,634,849.37	\$ 2,872,704.86
Purchased from " " to June 30, 1881	29,996,925.65	30,715,928.89
Parted " " " " " "	54,630.62	54,827.21
Received for charges and gains	4,731.96	5,426.30
Total to be accounted for	32,691,137.60	33,648,887.26

Disposition

Transferred to New Orleans Mint	111,196.02	112,187.07
Melted by operative officers	9,097.83	10,108.96
Contained in Sweeps sold	36,102.14	41,507.90
Balance July 1, 1881	1,215,745.99	1,236,332.08
Consumed in coinage	<u>31,318,995.62</u>	<u>32,248,751.25</u>
Total accounted for	32,691,137.60	33,648,887.26

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Coinage \$36,445.286,75
 Cost 32,248,751.25
 Profits 4,196,535.50

Philadelphia.

Balance July 1, 1878 285,892.84
 Profits from July 1, 1878 to June 30, 1881 4,196,535.50
 Surplus bullion carried to Silver Profit Fund 659.93
 \$4,483,088.27

Disposition

Deposited in the Treasury 4,026,556.61
 Expenses of distribution 102,328.31
 Loss on Sweeps sold 12,746.91
 Wastages paid 10,108.96
 Loss on recoinages paid 48.86
 Balance July 1, 1881, 331,298.62
 \$4,483,088.27

San Francisco Mint

	Standard Ounces	Cost
Balance July 1, 1878 *	685,777.38.	
Purchased from July 1, 1878 to June 30, 1881	28,382,907.05	\$28,836,439.37 ^c
Parted from Gold " " " " " "	214,513.04	216,081.64
Received for charges & gains	29,923.59	34,989.44
Total to be accounted for	29,263,121.06	29,087,510.45

Disposition

Wasted by operative officers	29,545.04	33,873.43
Contained in Sweeps sold	39,842.76	44,252.31
Transferred to Carson for coinage	333,383.38	346,570.-
Balance June 30, 1881	1,281,337.43	1,296,899.68
Consumed in coinage	26,893,285.12	27,365,983.03
" " " *	685,777.38.	
	29,263,121.06	29,087,510.45

Coinage \$31,294,004.50
 Cost 27,365,983.03
 Profits 3,928,021.47

* Carried at coinage rate on which profits had been previously credited

San Francisco

Balance July 1, 1878	137,182.25
Profits from July 1, 1878 to June 30, 1881	3,928.021.47
	<u>\$ 4,065,203.72</u>

Disposition

Deposited in the Treasury	3,378.353.11
Expenses of distribution	82,753.24
Loss on Sweeps sold	23,007.87
Wastages paid	27,608.07
Balance July 1, 1881	553,481.43
	<u>\$ 4,065,203.72</u>

Carson Mint

	* Standard Ounces	Cost
Balance July 1, 1878	119,445.94	
Purchased from July 1, 1878 to June 30, 1881	2,041,208.65	\$ 2,091,329.01
Parted from Gold. " " " " " "	17,316.73	17,497.96
Received for charges and gains	177.72	206.81
Total to be accounted for	2,178,149.04	2,109,033.78
Transferred from San Francisco Mint	333,333.83	346,500.—
Balance to be accounted for	2,511,482.37	2,455,533.78

Disposition

Wasted by operative officers	1,884.27	2,127.52
Balance June 30, 1881	282,957.47	286,035.77
Consumed in coinage	2,107,194.69	2,167,370.47
" " " *	119,445.94	
	<u>2,511,482.37</u>	<u>2,455,533.78</u>

Coinage \$ 2,452,008.36

Cost 2,167,370.47

Profits 284,687.89

carried at pricing rate on which profits had been previously credited.

David Carson.

Balance July 1, 1878	1,650.38
Profits from " " to June 30, 1881	284.637.89
Adjustment on Trade Dollars and Subsidiary Silver	3,900.37
	<u>\$ 290,188.64</u>

Disposition

Deposited in the Treasury	250 000.-
Expenses of distribution	19,130.54
Loss on Sweeps sold	4,243.12
Wastages paid	2,066.19
Balance July 1, 1881	14,749.79
	<u>\$ 290,188.64</u>

New Orleans Mint

	Standard Ounces	Cost
Purchased from January 1, 1879 to June 30, 1881	7,545,750.63	\$ 7,728,663.34
Parted from Gold " " " " "	1,870.45	1,870.45
Received for charges and gains	1,856.98	2,183.02
Transferred from New York Assay Office	2,867,501.24	2,992,753.43
Total to be accounted for	10,416,979.30	10,725,450.29

Disposition

Wasted by operative officers	4,090.67	4,822.31
Balance July 1, 1881	365,076.24	371,943.66
Consumed in coinage	10,047,812.49	10,348,984.32
Total accounted for	10,416,979.30	10,725,450.29

Coinage	\$ 11,692.000
Cost	10,348,984.32
Profits	1,343,015.68

New Orleans.

Profits from January 1, 1879 to June 30, 1881	\$ 1,343,015.68
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Disposition

Deposited in the Treasury	1,119,460.09
Expenses of distribution	16,912.69
Wastages paid	4,522.31
Balance July 1, 1881	202,115.69
	<u>\$ 1,343,015.68</u>

Refer to 373 for letter of transmitted	Contingent Expenses for Bureau of the Mint- For examination of Mints, expenses in visiting mints & assay offices for the purpose of superintending the annual settlements & making special examinations. 1881.	
	Horatio C. Burckhard, Settlements & making special examinations, expenses in superintending Annual	602.37
	E. O. Beech, expenses in connection with the Annual Settlement of 1880 at Philadelphia Mint	61.95
	A. A. Hassan, " " " " " " "	5.96
	H. C. Stair " " " " New York Assay Office	51.33
	W. P. Lawver, " " " " " " "	52.50
	F. Eckfeldt, expenses in visiting Philadelphia Mint	11.45
	E. O. Beech " " the Helena Assay Office	334.90
	W. P. Lawver, " " New York to make Assay of Carson coins	73.88
	W. P. Lawver, expenses as clerk at the Annual assay	38.04
	R. E. Preston " in superintending Annual Settlement of 1881 at New York	23.95
	C. J. Tyson, expenses in assisting at Annual Settlement of 1881 at New York	49.18
	R. M. Reynolds, " " " " at Philadelphia	7.75
	F. Eckfeldt, expenses in superintending Annual Settlement of 1881 at Philadelphia	19.57
	Geo. W. Wheeler, expenses in assisting at Annual Settlement of 1881 at New York	22.70
	F. P. Gross, expenses in superintending Annual Settlement of 1881 at New Orleans	63.08
	J. E. Hilgard, expenses in visiting Mint at Philadelphia to test weights	13.97
	E. O. Beech, expenses in superintending Annual Settlement of 1881 at San Francisco Mint	99.10
	W. P. Lawver, expenses in superintending Annual Settlement of 1881 at Carson Mint	132.20
	Alex. Ramsey, traveling expenses in making special examination of mint at San Francisco	130.~
	Transportation of passengers over Central Pacific and Union Pacific R. R.	540.~
	Total expenditures	2,383.93

\$2,500.

Annual appropriation

350

Contingent Expenses —Assay

1880

Aug.	19	W. P. Lawver	freight	5.34
Sept.	7	Or. Hess & Morgan	furnace	110.
"	21	W. P. Lawver	freight	5.63
Oct.	23	Manhattan Fire Brick Co.	furnace &c	36.50
"	23	Jno Robertson & Co	frame & door for furnace	5.50
Nov.	12	do	furnace door	10.80
"	"	Thos. C. Acton	proof gold	76.62
"	29	Jno Lindenman	pipettes	10.50
"	"	Geo. Elliott & Son	flasks	24.
"	"	Bullock & Crenshaw	chemicals	6.88
Dec.	7	H. Trommer	Assay balance	
"	7	R. M. Popham	biting	5.07
"	"	Bornelius & Co	gas heater	6.
"	"	Thos. M. Hammett	pans	5.25
"	13	Chas Trefor	cupels	35.
"	"	Elmore & Richards	covers	2.05
"	16	New England Glass Works	glasses	26.92
"	"	Or. Hess & Morgan	plate	3.84
"	"	R. M. Popham	balls	3.
Jan'y	7	Geo. Shottlof	charcoal	9.89
"	"	Washington Gas Co.	stove	5.15
"	"	J. A. De Queaster	bath cups	7.50
"	10	W. S. Thompson	chemicals	10.10
"	20	M. W. Beveridge	crucibles	8.
"	24	Robert Taylor & Co	crucibles	6.30
"	"	Phillips & Jacobs	acids &c	67.71
Feby	2	F. Schneider & Son	hardware	11.00
"	14	W. P. Lawver	freight	1.70
Mch.	24	B. & O. Express	"	2.40
Apr.	4	Bullock & Crenshaw	chemicals	38.23
"	15	W. S. Thompson	"	29.34
"	19	Geo. Shottlof	charcoal	9.89
"	"	Whitall Tatum & Co.	chemicals	18.48
"	20	Elmore & Richards	"	188.02
May	3	H. O. Towles	stools	8.
Aug.	22	F. Schneider & Son	hardware	4.80
"	31	W. P. Lawver	freight	2.24
Total expenditures				800.00

Laboratory

1881

1880

June 1881	15	Amount appropriated	\$ 500.
Mich.	3	do	300.
			800.

Total expenditures \$ 800.00

Contingent Expenses of Bureau of the Mint - for books pamphlets

Books, periodicals &c	257.33
R. A. McClure, specimens of coin	64.44
H. Frohner assay balance	110.75
Fairbanks Morse & Co type writer	1162.75
Adams Express Co freight	45.51
Total expenditures	540.03

Collecting Mining

Expended by H. L. Dodge	1443.50
" " H. Silver	417.86
" " R. B. Harrison	100.
" " C. J. Cowles	21.90
E. O. Leech, traveling expenses in Utah collecting statistics	40.25
W. P. Lawver " " Newark & New York	25.85
M. V. Davis " " in New York	38.25
Geo. B. Hanna " " in North & South Carolina & Georgia	109.69
E. O. Leech " " Denver & Carson	43.70
R. B. Harrison " " from Philadelphia to Washington	19.75
Geo. H. Bush furnishing statistical information	65.
W. B. Daugherty " " "	50.
Richard J. Hinton " " "	20.
Henry J. Powers " " "	75.
Jno. H. O'Connor services	375.49
E. O. Leech " "	200.
Fred. Eckfeldt " "	50.
S. M. Landon " "	50.
J. B. Mackintosh engraving and plating	20.
Russell & Strouthens " " "	143.
Union Pac. R. R. Co. transportation of passengers	28.
Cent. Pac. R. R. Co. " " "	54.50
The Mining Record	4.
Mining Periodicals	2.75
Total expenditures	3403.49

periodicals, specimens of coins & balances, weights & incidentals.

Amount appropriated \$ 700.

Total expenditures \$ 540.03

Statistics, 1881

Amount appropriated \$ 5,000.00

Total expenditures \$ 3,403.49

J. L. Beconté, Esq.
 Chief Clerk U. S.
 Mint, Philadelphia.
 Sir:

Dec. 27, 1881

I learn with regret from your letter of the 24th inst that the Superintendent has been seriously ill and am gratified by your statement that his health is now improving.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York, N. Y.

Dec. 27, 1881

Sir:

The commission of Pierre C. Van Wyck as your successor has been signed and will be forwarded him upon the receipt and approval of his bond, which latter has been mailed for execution to his address.

It is desirable that the transfer of the office be made to take effect in the first proximo, so that your accounts can close at the end of the present quarter and his commence with the succeeding.

I would suggest that, as it will take some time to weigh up and ascertain the value of the gold bullion in your vaults, you and he should designate mutual representatives to commence at once upon that work so as to complete it by the close of the year. If you will notify me when you commence the transfer, I will send a representative of this Bureau to be present.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 27, 1881.

Sir:

I enclose you a stereotype of Mr Bonzano's Ingot machine, which has been manufactured for your Mint and which is being tested there before shipment.

The machine can be placed upon the floor as well as in the manner indicated.

Mr Bonzano promises other photographs, copies of which will be sent you.

Respectfully,

Similar letter addressed to
W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 27, 1881.

Pierre C. Van Dyck, Esq.,
 New York City,

Dec. 27, 1881

Sir:

I have received from the President of the United States, a commission bearing date of the 21st instant, appointing you, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to be Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York city. I enclose herewith blank form of bond with the accompanying affidavits of surety and official oath, which you will please execute in the sum of \$50,000.~ with good and sufficient sureties and forward it to this Bureau. Upon receipt and approval of your bond by the Secretary of the Treasury, your commission will be forwarded to you.

It is desirable that you should enter upon duty as Superintendent of the Assay Office if possible on the 1st of January, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia, Pa.

December 27, 1881

Sir:

I have received from the President of the United States a commission bearing date of the 21st instant, appointing by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Jacob B. Eckfeldt, at present Assistant Assayer, to be Assayer in the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

You will please instruct Mr Eckfeldt to execute a bond in the sum of \$10,000.00 and upon notification of the approval of his bond by the Secretary of the Treasury you will deliver his commission, herewith enclosed, to him.

Very respectfully,
 Waatio C. Burchard.

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge,
 U. S. Assay Office
 Helena, Mont.

Dec. 27, 1881

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department bill of Henry C. Waite, government-contractor, for transportation by wagon from Dillon to Helena, Montana of certain supplies shipped you as per duplicate bills of lading, of the quartermaster's department, enclosed herewith amounting to \$183.56 of which amount \$170.94 is to be paid from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year and the balance \$7.62 from your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881.

Please make the proper entries of these

payments on your books.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison,

Dec. 27, 1881,

Assayer in Charge,

Helena.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current-fiscal year, bill of the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation of supplies from St. Louis to Kansas City in July of the present year consigned to your care.

Please make the proper entries on your books.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office

Dec. 27, 1881

Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of W. E. Sharpe, Clerk in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 1st ult forwarded with your communication of the 19th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 27, 1881

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you letter from the National Bank of Rondout, N. Y. transmitting draft, No. 34,743 on American Exchange, Natl. Bank of N. Y. for \$400.~ mailed to this office.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dec. 27, 1881

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
2000 Statements of Gold Bullion Deposited No 39, A.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis, Mo.

Dec. 27, 1881.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
500 Memorandums of Silver Bullion Deposited No 43, A.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Mess. Richards & Co.
4 Murray St.
N. Y.

Dec. 27, 1881

Gentlemen:

Please have made for the Laboratory of this Bureau a Platinum dish of 200 c. c. capacity, suitable for precipitating copper in by electricity.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
San Francisco

Dec. 27, 1881

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of November 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Hon. Miles Ross,

Dec. 27, 1881

New Brunswick, N. J.

Sir:

Yours requesting that a copy of my report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the U.S. be sent to Jas S. Vosseller, Elizabeth, N. J. is received. You may have overlooked the fact that 11,000 copies were ordered printed for distribution by Congress. Although I have but a limited number for the use of my office, if your supply

is exhausted, I will comply with your request.

Respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard

Director

Wm. Rupp, Esq.,

Dec. 27, 1881.

No. 119 Pearl St.,

Hamover Square,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Yours requesting a copy of my report on the Production of the precious Metals in the U. S. has been received.

I have but a limited number for the use of my office, but you can doubtless obtain a copy by application to a Senator or Member, 11,000 copies having been ordered printed for distribution by Congress. If upon application you fail to receive one I will send you a copy.

Respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881.

Room 91, Corcoran Building

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Company for freight from San Francisco to Kellon in January, 1881, on certain supplies for the use of the Assay Office at Boise City, amounting to \$20⁴⁰, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Hon W. J. Burham
Danville Kentucky.

Dec. 27, 1881.

Sir:

Your letters of the 22nd, and 24th, of December have been received, and I mail you to day a copy of my Annual report; also three pamphlets by Henri Cernuschi on the Monetary Conference, Bi-Metalism in England and Abroad and Bi-Metalism at Fifteen, and a Half a Necessity, etc.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. H. Lichly, Esq.
Mt. Carroll, Ills.

Dec. 27, 1881

Sir:

Yours of the 23rd inst is received. I have at my command no quotations in European markets of the gold price of American Silver coin. It may, however, be affirmed with reasonable confidence that the discount if any, on full weight legal tender American Silver coins will be as you suggest, but little greater than the difference between the relative cost of transporting gold and silver coins.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 27, 1881.

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to one hundred thirteen and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia

Have written you fully to-day in reference to
advertising for Proposals to furnish wood, coal
and other supplies.

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 25, 1881.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
and thirteen cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.

Dec. 25, 1881

Supt Mint U. S.

New Orleans, La

Sir:

I have to request that hereafter you will
at the close of business on Wednesdays of each
week state by wire the approximate amount
of silver bullion on hand, and the amount
purchased during the month to date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

Dec. 25, 1881

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and
settlement the Ordinary Refinery & St. Silver
Dollar Expense accounts of the Supt of the U.
S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending
November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the pur-

pose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint,
Phila.

Dec. 28. 1881.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery and St. Silver Dollar Expense account for the month ending November 30. 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Shipping & Com. List N. Y. Rice Current
68 William St.
New York.

Dec. 28. 1881

Gents:

Your bill of the 23rd inst. for one years subscription from the 24th inst. purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$9.~ has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson, Nev.

Dec. 28, 1881

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment duplicate bill of Henry Troemner for certain weights shipped you on the 23d instant as per express receipt herewith enclosed.

Upon receipt of the goods in proper order you will please forward Mr Troemner a draft for the amount of the bill. \$14.-.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. Troemner, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881

No 710 Market St.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bill of the 23rd instant, for one standard dollar weight, Morocco case, and six platinum weights, shipped the Mint at Carson on the 23rd instant, has been forwarded to the officers in charge of that institution, with instructions to send you a draft for the amount upon receipt of the goods.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. C. Percy, Esq.,
 Wooster,

Dec. 28, 1881.

Wayne Co., O.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d, inst. is received. I am unable to send you a copy of the report

of the International Monetary Conference. It will doubtless be ordered printed for distribution by Congress, and, in that case you can probably obtain a copy through some Member.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Walters, Esq.,

Assayer, Boise City,
Idaho.

Dec. 28, 1881

Sir:

Bill of Central Pacific Rail Road Company for transportation in January 1881, from San Francisco, to Kelton of certain supplies for the use of your office, amounting to \$20.⁴⁶ has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office for the year 1881.

Duplicate B/R enclosed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 28, 1881,

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Company for the transportation in January of the present year of 20,000 lbs of copper shipped your Mint amounting to \$158.¹⁶, the amount to be paid from the appropriation con-

found in the 1st Section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollars, passed January 28, 1875.

Very respectfully,
Honable C. Burchard,
Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.

Dec. 28, 1881.

Room 9, Concoran Building,
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Central Pacific R.R. Co. for the transportation of supplies - to the U.S. Mints at Carson and San Francisco in January and February of the present year, amounting to \$254.⁹⁶.

Very respectfully,
Honable C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Dec. 28, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881, bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Company for transportation of supplies shipped your Mint in January and February 1881, as per duplicate bill of lading enclosed herewith, amounting to \$96.²⁰,

Please make the proper

entry on your books.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
 New York City.

Sir:

I have examined the loose sheets forwarded with your bullion accounts for the 2nd quarter of the present calendar year intended for substitution in the place of similar accounts, and they appear to be prepared in accordance with instructions.

I return the accounts by express to-day, and you are authorized to substitute the loose sheets in their proper places in the accounts.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

D. J. Hollister, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881.

Salt Lake City.
 Utah.

Sir:

I return herewith your bill for furnishing an article entitled "Mining in Utah" covering the fiscal year 1881, with the remark that you neglected to insert in the face of the bill the amount due you.

If you will make this correction and insert the sum of \$200.~ in the face of the bill I will be pleased to approve the same.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881,

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing estimate of the cost of construction of a vault for storage of silver dollars has been received, and will have early attention.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco,

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 12 Gold Samplers, Assay Dept.
- 2 Books Silver Purchases M & R's Dept.
- 1 Cash Book, General Dept.
- 1 Cash Book, General Dept. Or. Ex.
- 1 Register of Gold Bullion Assay Dept.
- 1 Book Silver Bullion register M & R's Dept.
- 2 Books Gold Bullion register M & R's Dept.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Clemens Kerschel, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881

Holyoke, Mass.

Sir:

Your inquiry of the 26th inst. as to where you can obtain a table containing the relative values of gold and silver for many years back is received.

You will find such a table for periods on page 55 of my last annual report, and for the years from 1860 to 1876 on page 47 of the Director's report for 1876, a copy of which I send you.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1881

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 ledgers, Assay Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

W. London, Esq.,

Dec. 28, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, in reply to mine requesting that you prepare and forward to this office in order that I might obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury for its insertion in one or more newspapers, the form of an advertisement for the wood that may be required for your Mint, for the calendar year 1882, and for such other supplies for which no contract was made for the six months of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, I have to say in reply that the fact that no bids were received in June last for certain articles required

by the Mint is no reason why we should not advertise for proposals to furnish the same for the remainder of the fiscal year and the cost of such advertisement will be little more than simply that for wood.

The law is very plain in regard to procuring supplies required for the public service by advertising for proposals for the same and so long as the law requires it I think it nothing more than the duty of all officers of the government to comply with its requirements.

You will therefore please forward to this office the advertisement required. You will also please indicate the papers in which it is desirable that the same should be inserted.

I enclose herewith a list of some of the articles for which no contracts have been made at your Mint and for which, in my opinion proposals should be solicited.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Black Lead Crucibles,

" " Covers,

" " Stirrers,

" " Dippers,

Council Ridge Coal,

Buck Gloves,

" Mitts,

Fire Mitts,

Borax,

Salt,

Rubber Gloves,

" Mitts,

" Gaskets,

Bone Ash,

Sheet Lead

Paints

White Rags

Barrels,

Brushes

Brooms

Zinc,

Copper

Heather Belting

Castings

Lumber

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Dec. 29, 1881,

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and twelve cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

Dec. 29, 1881.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 29, 1881

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred thirteen and eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Offer of Williams received too late for action and is declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Jas. B. Colgate & Co. Dec. 29, 1881,
 47 Wall Street, New York.
 Your offer declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, Daniel Meyer,
 San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram Bank of California, Handy & Cronise,
 San Francisco. 24 Nassau Street N. Y.

Telegram Helmerich & Hansen, Nevada Bank,
 San Francisco. San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq., Dec. 29, 1881.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, in relation to reimbursements from the several appropriations for losses on sale of sweeps accumulated during the fiscal years 1879, 1880, & 1881, you are hereby authorized and instructed to pay the entire amount properly chargeable to contingent expenses, from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year. It would not be possible to make you an advance from the appropriation for 1879, as the use of that appropriation has expired by limitation of law. For this reason and as the whole sum is a small amount, it would probably be as well to charge the entire loss to the appropriation for the year in which the sale took place.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Refr to
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for
Statements

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 29, 1881

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for your information statements in detail of the manner in which the Contingent Appropriations of this Bureau and the appropriation for the collection of Mining Statistics placed under my control for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881, have been expended.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Phila.

Dec. 29, 1881.

Sir:-

C. D. No. 5468, for \$50,000.~ being on account of Minor Coinage profits, enclosed in your communication of the 25th, instant, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Horace Davis,
San Francisco.

Dec. 29, 1881.

Sir:-

I mail you to-day a copy of my Annual report, as requested in yours of the 21st. inst.

You ask for a copy of the Mineral Resources. No book of that kind, except my report on the Production of Precious Metals in the U. S., has been published since 1876. If you desire a copy of the

latter, I shall take pleasure in forwarding it to you.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq., Dec. 29, 1881
 Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.
 Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. I have to inform you that May 12th, 1874, is the date of the act of Congress establishing the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

William Jones, Esq., Dec. 29, 1881.
 No. 119½ Sixth Street
 Cincinnati, O.

Sir:-

Yours of the 27th inst. is received. The New Orleans, or Philadelphia Mint will receive the punched coin and pay for it its commercial value as silver bullion.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. E. Preston, Esq., Dec. 29, 1881.
 Bureau of the Mint,
 Treasury Dept.

Sir:-

As Mr Pierre C. Van Wyck has been appointed Superintendent of the New York Assay Office to

succeed Thomas C. Acton, and it is desirable that the official transfer be made to take effect at the close of the present quarter, you will proceed to New York to supervise and witness the count and delivery of the moneys and bullion belonging to the Government in the Assay Office, and remain until the transfer has been effected.

Your necessary traveling and other expenses in the discharge of this duty will be paid upon the rendering of your bill for same with the proper vouchers.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 30, 1881

Increase purchasing rate of silver to one hundred, thirteen and twenty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

P. Darcy, Esq.,

Dec. 30, 1881,

No. 309 Greenwich St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Yours of the 29th. inst. is received. I will refer your letter to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, Mr M. V. Davis, in whom rests the appointment of employes in that Mint.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

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Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 30. 1881

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of November, 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Dec. 30. 1881.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000- Letters transmitting shipment report- No. 173

1000 " " Bullion for coinage No. 172

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U.S.,
 New Orleans, La.

Dec. 30. 1881.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 27th. inst., stating that Members of Congress in that state with a view of presenting the claims of your Mint when the question of suspending the coinage of the Silver dollar comes before that body for action ask you for data, statistics, etc., you are authorized to

furnish the desired information

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 30. 1881.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 - Order books for supplies

1 - Record of silver deposited without gold sent to Refinery

1 " " " " containing " " " "

1 " " " purchase " " " "

1 " " gold deposited sent to Refinery.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Dec. 31. 1881

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Registers of silver bullion purchased

3 Transfer scales

1 Check Book, M & R's Dept.

1 Gold Clipping M & R's Dept.

1 Unparted bars M & R's Dept.

1 Sweep book Gen'l Dept.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre G. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Dec. 31, 1881

U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:-

Your official bond as Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, executed in the sum of \$50,000 and bearing date of the 30th instant, having been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury I transmit herewith a commission from the President of the United States appointing you by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to be Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York City.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

R. E. Preston, Assay Office
New York

Dec. 31, 1881.

Van Wyck's bond approved and his commission forwarded to-day.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Dec. 31, 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint,
New York City.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 30th instant enclosing the resignation of J. M. Floyd as Chief Clerk of your office, to take effect at the close of business on the 31st instant. In accepting the same I desire to express my appreciation of Mr. Floyd's faithful and efficient services and my regret that he finds it for his interest to retire from the Mint service.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

J. J. Moore, Esq.,
Care Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 31. 1881

Sir:-

I enclose herewith Draft #578 on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at St. Louis, for the sum of Thirty-two ~~75~~ ⁰⁰ (\$32.00) dollars in payment for 50 pairs of fire matts recently furnished by you for the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Elliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge St. Louis, Mo.

December 31. 1881.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 28th. instant, enclosing a Draft in favor of J. J. Moore Esq., for the sum of \$32.00 in payment for 50 pairs of fire matts recently furnished your office, and have this day forwarded the same.

In future you will please send the Drafts or for supplies for your office directly to the parties in whose favor they are made, and if these parties reside in the East, send Draft either on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia or New York

I am Sir very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Richard Cornis, Esq.,
Burkeville,
Va.

Dec. 31. 1881

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 28th. instant, requesting to be informed if we exchange 25¢

gold pieces for silver, I have to state that the United States has never coined gold into denominations less than one dollar.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Dec 31, 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1000- Minter & Refiner's Silver bars.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

E. W. Nash, Esq.,

Dec. 31, 1881.

Treasr Omaha Smelting & Refg Co.

Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. inst. is received.
Enclosed I hand you a circular in regard to bids for the sale of Silver bullion.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Philadelphia.

Please send three pairs of double eagle dies as soon as possible to Carson.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Helena, Mont.

Dec. 31. 1881

Sir:

I find I can spare you a few more copies of my report for 1880 upon the production of gold and silver in the United States and send you by mail 25 additional.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

January 2, 1882

In pursuance of the provisions of section 3564 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, I have estimated the values of the standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world, and submit the same in the accompanying table.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Estimate of values of foreign coins

Country.	Monetary Unit.	Standard	Value in U.S. Money.	Standard Coin.
Austria	Florin	Silver	406	
Belgium	Franc	Gold & Silver	193	5, 10 and 20 francs
Bolivia	Boliviano	Silver	82.3	Boliviano
Brazil	Wheats of 1000 reis	Gold	57.6	
British Poss. in N.A.	Dollar	Gold	100	
Chili	Peso	Gold & Silver	91.2	London, doubloon & escudo
Cuba	Peso	Gold & Silver	93.2	$\frac{1}{16}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 doubloon
Denmark	Crown	Gold	26.8	10 and 20 crowns
Ecuador	Peso	Silver	82.3	Peso
Egypt	Piaster	Gold	24.9	5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 piasters
France	Franc	Gold & Silver	193	5, 10 and 20 francs
Great Britain	Pound Sterling	Gold	4.866 2/3	$\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign and sovereign

Country	Monetary Unit	Standard	Value in U.S. Money.	Standard Coin.
Greece	Drachma	Gold & Silver	19,3	5, 10, 20, 50, & 100 drachmas
German Empire	Mark	Gold	23,8	5, 10, and 20 Marks
Hayti	Goude	Gold & Silver	96,5	1, 2, 5, & 10 goudes
India	Rupie	Silver	39	
Italy	Lira	Gold & Silver	19,3	5, 10, 20, 50 & 100 lire
Japan	Yen	Silver	88,7	1, 2, 5, 10 & 20 yen, gold & silver ⁴ yen
Liberia	Dollar	Gold	1,00	
Mexico	Dollar	Silver	89,4	25 or dollar, 5, 10, 25 & 50 centos
Netherlands	Flouin	Gold & Silver	40,2	
Norway	Crown	Gold	26,8	10 & 20 crowns
Peru	Sol	Silver	82,3	Sol
Portugal	Milreis of 1000 reis	Gold	1,08	2, 5, and 10 milreis
Russia	Rouble	Silver	65,8	$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 rouble
Sandwich Is.	Dollar	Gold	1,00	
Spain	Peseta	Gold & Silver	19,3	5, 10, 20, 50 & 100 pesetas
Sweden	Crown	Gold	26,8	10 and 20 crowns
Switzerland	Franc	Gold & Silver	19,3	5, 10 and 20 francs
Tripoli	Mahdab	Silver	74,3	
Turkey	Piaster	Gold	84,4	25, 50, 100, 250 & 500 piasters
U.S. of Columbia	Peso	Silver	82,3	Peso
Venezuela	Bolivar	Gold & Silver	19,3	5, 10, 20, 50 & 100 Bolivar

Washington, D.C. Jan. 2. 1882

The foregoing estimation made by the Director of the Mint of the value of the foreign coins above mentioned I hereby proclaim to be the values of such coins expressed in the money of account of the United States, and to be taken in estimating the values of all foreign merchandise, made out in any of said currencies, imported on or after January 1, 1882.

Chas. J. Folger

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. William Lawrence,
1st Comptroller.

January 3, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bond of Pierre C. Van Wyck, as Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, executed in the sum of \$50,000, and bearing date of the 29th ult.:

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard
Director.

F. Schneider & Son,
Cor 18 & Pa. Ave.
City.

January 3, 1882.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 20th ultimo for supplies purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$8.15, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Jan. 3, 1882.

Coin eight hundred and fifty thousand silver Dollars in January.

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans

Jan. 3, 1882.

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to one hundred
 and thirteen cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Jan. 3, 1882.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use
 have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Book of gold coin receipts.
- 1 Book of silver coin receipts.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia

Jan. 3, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have
 been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Book of gold coin receipts.
- 1 Book of silver coin receipts.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco,

Jan. 3, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have

been mailed you this day, viz:

- 10 Books Mr Rs Silver Pt.
- 4 Books Receiving Clerks bullion reports
- 1 Book gold coin receipts
- 1 Book Silver coin receipts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Jan. 3, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Requisition book
- 1 Book of gold coin receipts
- 1 Book of silver coin receipts

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Jan. 3, 1882

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month, is hereby fixed at 75,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans, La.

Jan. 3, 1882

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month is hereby fixed at 375,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 3, 1882.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month - is hereby fixed at 1,000,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden,
 Supt. Mint,
 Philadelphia

Jan. 3, 1882,

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of December at your mint for special assay have been received -

3 Eagles	\$ 30.00
4 Half Eagles	20.00
4 Standard Silver Dollars	4.00
Total	54.00

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Jan. 3, 1882

Sir:

In connection with your bullion accounts for the first quarter of the last calendar year, you forwarded a statement showing by quarters, the cost of the silver bullion received at your Mint for the purpose of arriving at an explanation of an adjustment entry of \$1,643.¹⁶ in your silver bullion account. In some way this statement became detached from your accounts while in the office of the First Auditor and cannot be found. If you kept a copy of it, I will thank you to forward a similar statement to be placed with your accounts, for the information of the First Auditor.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan. 3, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of one Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint U.S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 3, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of one Million Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Bon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury,

Jan'y. 3, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of one Thousand One Hundred Eighty-one ¹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$1,181.¹⁵/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, and Fifty-six ⁷/₁₀₀ in Silver Coin, making a total of one Thousand, Two Hundred, Seventeen ²²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,217.³⁶/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1836, dated Dec. 24, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 3, 1882

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 19th ultimo,

I have substituted for the duplicate bill of Gerdner & Co. voucher No 234 of your ordinary expense account for the month of November 1881, for the original bill enclosed in your letter, and return herewith the duplicate.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Buschard,
 Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esq.,
 4 Trafalgar Square
 London.

Jan. 3. 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 17th ultimo for subscriptions to the Chemical Society Journal and L. Economiste purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to £ 13. 0. (17. 16) has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Buschard,
 Director.

Robt. Ball, Esq.,
 495 Pa. Ave.
 City.

Jan. 3. 1882.

Sir:

Your bill of the 31st ultimo for vol. 13, Encyclopædia Britannica & Almanach de Gotha 1882, purchased for the use of this office amounting to \$10. 00, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the

amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Henry C. Baird, Esq.

810 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

Jan. 3. 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo, requesting to be informed of the amount of silver dollars coined from the passage of the Act authorizing their coinage to the close of the calendar year 1881.

The total number struck has been 106,380,950.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hjalmar Furukjelm

Helsingfors

Finland.

Jan. 3. 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th of December requesting that I send you a copy of my report upon the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States.

I take pleasure in complying with your request, and send also by current mail a copy of my Annual report as Director of the Mint of which I beg your acceptance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre L. Van Wyck, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

Jan. 4, 1882.

Sir:

Referring to letter from your Office of Dec 27th requesting to be furnished with a Register of Assays of Gold "Deposits" I would say that the book cannot be furnished by the public printer in less than two months. If it is required sooner authority is granted to have the same manufactured in your city. I prefer, however, to have it prepared here and if you can wait requisition will be made at once.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegrams Superintendent Mint,
 Philadelphia

Jan. 4, 1882

Eckfeldt's bond will be signed by Secretary this afternoon. It is now on his desk.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
 New Orleans.

Jan. 4, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to one hundred thirteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 4, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant inquiring whether you were authorized to pay in -

advance for rent of a box at the City Post Office, I would say that if the use of a box facilitates in any way the business of your Mint, and the rules of the Post Office require payment in advance, I should conform to the usual custom in that respect.

I return the bills enclosed in your letter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Jan'y. 4. 1882

Assayer in Charge,

Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing a voucher covering the expenditure of \$100. - advanced you from the appropriation for Collecting Mining Statistics for the fiscal year 1881, -

I return the voucher with instructions for you to render a regular account similar to your monthly ordinary account consisting of an Account Current, abstract of expenses and this voucher.

You will charge yourself on your Account Current, with the amount advanced you, the same as any other advance of funds from appropriations, and credit yourself with the amount expended. The account will then be settled the same as your monthly accounts of ordinary expenses.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Jan'y. 4. 1882

Assayer in Charge,

Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examina-

live and settlement, a bill of the Star Union Line for transportation of two boxes of stationery from Washington to St. Louis in August of the past year, the amount \$147 to be paid from your Contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year. Duplicate bill and ^{Rs} enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.

Jan. 4, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your Contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished you in the month of September, amounting to \$173.15, as per duplicate bill enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.

Jan'y. 4, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your Contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department, for stationery furnished you in the month of August

amounting to \$32.67, as per duplicate bill enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis Mo.

Jan. 4, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department, for stationery furnished you in the month of September, 1881, amounting to \$55.37, as per duplicate list, enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 4, 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished you in the month of August amounting to \$125.22, as per duplicate bill enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 4, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished you in the month of November, amounting to \$7.62, as per duplicate bill enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

Jan. 4, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished you in the month of September, amounting to \$88.89, as per duplicate bill enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. William Lawrence,
 1st Comptroller.

Jan. 4, 1882,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your Office, the of-

Official Bond of Edward F. White as Coiner of the Mint,
of the United States at San Francisco executed in
the sum of \$10,000,- and bearing date of Nov. 15, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Jan. 4, 1882.

Sir:

The Official Bond of Edward F. White, as
Coiner of your Mint executed in the sum of \$10,000,-
and bearing date of November 15, 1881, has been
approved and filed in the Office of the 1st Compt-
roller. You will please deliver his commission.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Lounsberry & Haggin,
New York City.

Jan. 4, 1882.

Gentlemen:

I send you by current mail a copy
of my report upon the production of gold and
silver in the United States for 1880. I am now en-
gaged in collecting material for the report for
1881, and will be glad if you will furnish me
a statement on the enclosed blanks of the silver
bullion handled by you during the last year,
by periods of six months each. I have received
similar reports from other bankers and brokers in
your city, and have found them of great value in the
preparation of my former report.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. W. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Jan'y, 4, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$29,100.-, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882, \$ 2,100

Wages of Workmen 1882, 22,000

Contingent Expenses 1882, 5,000

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia

Jan. 4, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$33,000.-, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$ 2,500

Wages of Workmen 1882 25,000

Contingent Expenses, 1882 6,000

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Jan. 4, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

of your institution during the month of January, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,500.~, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882, \$ 500.~

Wages of Workmen 1882, 1,000

Contingent Expenses 1882, 1,000

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Jan'y. 4, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Vault Book, Cashiers

1 Gold Ingot book

1 Coiners Gold Workings

100 Flexible Computation books.

* 250 Supt's. account with Coiner #196

* These are the blanks referred to in your letter of Dec 27th only 250 are sent as the form will be changed when next edition is printed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Dyck, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Jan. 4, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

Register of gold and silver bars deposited.
Record of classified deposits + purchases of silver.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. U.S. Mint,

New Orleans

Jan'y 4, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

250 Supt's account with Coiner No. 196.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge

St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 4, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2000 Statement of gold bullion forwarded for coinage #131

250 Supt's account with Coiner #196.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Jan'y. 4, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2000 Statements bullion deposited #100-13.

250 Supls, account with Coiner #196.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y. 4. 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000. from the appropriation contained in the first section of the act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar to meet the expenses in connection with that coinage at your institution during the present month.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

January 4, 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Baling and refining bullion"

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Anthony Lane, Esq.,
 Cashier Fourth National Bank,
 New York City.

Jan. 4, 1882

Sir:

I send you by current mail a copy of my report upon the production of gold and silver in the United States for 1880, I am now engaged in collecting material for the report for 1881, and will be glad if you will furnish me a statement in the enclosed blanks, of the silver bullion handled by you during the last year, by periods of six months each. I have received similar reports from other bankers and brokers in your city and have found them of great value in the preparation of my former report.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Bloyd P. Smith, Esq.,
 Librarian, Library Co.
 Broad & Christian Sts.
 Philadelphia.

Jan'y, 4, 1882.

Sir:

Yours requesting copies of Mint reports to complete your set is received and I forward you a copy of the Annual report of this Bureau for 1880, which is the only one of your missing numbers that I can supply.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

January 4, 1882.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of Dec. 8th, and estimate of the cost of construction of a suitable vault for the storage of silver dollars in the San Francisco Mint; I reply that I have addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting him to procure an appropriation from Congress of \$10,000, for the construction of the vault.

I desire to ascertain the probable action of Congress before giving further directions.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdick,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

January 4, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

At the commencement of the present fiscal year, the New York Assay Office held sixty million dollars and has since received nearly thirty million dollars in gold bullion, all of which must be transferred to the Philadelphia Mint for coinage.

It costs \$1,000 per million dollars to transfer this bullion from and return the resulting coin to the New York Assay Office. Section 3,553 of the Revised Statutes provides that such bullion shall be transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia at the expense of the Contingent Fund of the Mint, and the Act of March 3rd, 1881, making appropriations for Legislative, Executive and Judicial expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1882, appropriated \$20,000, for freight on bullion and coin between the Mints and Assay Offices.

In the transportation of bullion and coin between the New York Assay Office and Philadelphia Mint this latter appropriation has been wholly exhausted, and as the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Philadelphia Mint for the current year is insufficient to meet the necessary expenses that will be incurred in the unusually heavy coinage of gold and of silver dollars, the further transfer of bullion from New York to Philadelphia has been suspended until an appropriation can be made to defray the expense.

I have estimated that it will require an additional appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses that have been or will be incurred prior to the close of the present fiscal year in the transportation of bullion and coin between the New York Assay Office and the Philadelphia Mint, and respectfully request that an immediate appropriation of that amount be obtained from Congress for this purpose.

An early appropriation is also necessary for the construction of an additional vault for the storage of silver coin in the San Francisco Mint, where over seventeen millions of silver dollars have been accumulated, and the amount held by that Mint will probably be largely increased by the monthly silver coinage, as it is impossible to transfer any more silver coin to the office of the Assistant Treasurer in San Francisco, for the reason that the latter has no vault room in which to receive and store it.

I have estimated that the expense of constructing such vault will not exceed \$10,000, and, therefore also respectfully request that an immediate appropriation of that amount be procured for the construction of a

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vault in the San Francisco Mint for the storage
of silver coin.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Jan'y, 5, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Advance purchasing rate to one thirteenth and
a half.

Horatio C. Burchard
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Wandy & Co. Inc.

Jan. 5, 1882

New York City

One hundred thousand ounces accepted, at
one thirteenth twenty-nine, balance declined

Horatio C. Burchard
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer

Jan. 5, 1882

San Francisco

Fifty thousand ounces of your offer accepted
balance declined.

Horatio C. Burchard
Confirmed Director.

Telegram J. B. Colgate & Co.

Jan 5, 1882.

New York City

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Jan. 5, 1882
Carson.

Offers of E. Williams and John Scott declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Omaha Smelting & Refining Co Jan. 5, 1882
Omaha, Neb.

Your offer accepted.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
Nevada Bank,
San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Jan. 5, 1882
San Francisco.

Receive from Nevada Bank one hundred and
 ten thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred
 and twelve and a quarter, and from Daniel
Meyer fifty thousand, at one hundred twelve
 and thirty hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Anglo-Californian Bank, Jan. 5, 1882
San Francisco

Your offer declined
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
J. W. Gleason, Helmsicht Hansen J. B. Haggins.
San Francisco. San Francisco. San Francisco.

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden,
 Superintendent U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Jan. 5. 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

J. B. Colgate & Co	50,000 Ounces, at,	<u>\$1.13.15</u>
Handy & Currier	100,000 " "	<u>1.13.29</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Jan. 5. 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Omaha Smelting

& Refining Co.

30,000 Ounces, at \$1.13.25

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

First Auditor,

January 5, 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the Quarter ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Jan. 5, 1882

Supt. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

January 5, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, New Orleans

January 6, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September, 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department;

Jan. 6, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the month ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena.

Jan. 6, 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Jan'y. 5, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

25 Books receipts of silver bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

B. J. Cowles, Esq.,
Assayer, Charlotte.

Jan'y 5, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$336.⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1882	\$ 236. ⁰⁰
Wages of Workmen	1882	} 100. ⁰⁰
Contingent Expenses	1882	

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y, 5, 1882.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 31st. ult.; as to whether the five cent nickel pieces about to be coined will be distributed, as heretofore, at the expense of the Government, I have to request that you will furnish me copies of all orders

or instructions in regard to the distribution of minor coins given the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint by the Director of the Mint since the passage of the Coinage Act of 1873, and copies of any orders appearing upon your records, made by the Secretary of the Treasury prior to that date.

If directions have already been given covering the five cent nickel pieces, it is unnecessary to issue additional orders, but I am unable to find any record here of any order made by either the Secretary or the Director.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Jan. 5, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official bond of Jacob B. Eckfeldt, Assayer of your Mint, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Jan'y 5, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant in reference to a book of "Silver Deposits" for the use of your Mint, I would say that you are authorized to have same manufactured in your city, if it is needed for use within two months.

The sample sheet is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Jan. 5, 1882.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of William A. Patterson, Laborer in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 30th. ultimo, forwarded with your communication of the 4th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

January 5, 1882

Supt. Mint,

Barren.

Sir:

Your bill of the 31st of January 1881, for Railroad fare paid the Central Pacific R. R. for transportation of yourself from Reno to San Francisco and return, amounting to \$33.⁰², disallowed in voucher #85 of your ordinary expense account for the month of January 1881, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, the amount to be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm. B. Dana & Co.

January 5, 1881

79 & 81. William St.

P.O. Box #908 - New York.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the first instant for subscription to the Commercial & Financial Chronicle for one year from the first instant purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$10.²⁰, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Royce & Marcan

Jan. 5, 1882.

1408, Pa. Ave.

City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 4th instant, for 2 cells No. 4. Grenet Battery & 1/2 lb. No. 16 office wire purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$11.⁸⁸, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

G. H. Loker, Jr.

January 5, 1882

Secty, St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co.
St. Louis.

Sir:

A short time since I mailed you a copy of my report for 1880, upon the production of gold and silver in the United States, which I trust was rec'd. I am engaged in collecting material for and preparing a second report and will be glad if you will furnish me a statement on the enclosed blank showing the amount of silver bullion produced by your works during the six months from July 1st to Dec 31st, 1881.

You have already kindly furnished me this data for the fiscal year 1881, and I desire it for the last six months in order to complete the calendar year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letters addressed to

W. R. Wolcott, Esq.,Messrs E. Ballbach & Son

Boston & Colorado Smelting Works.

Newark, N. J.

Chas. S. Platt, Esq.,

44 Liberty Place, New York.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Jan. 6, 1882.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Since writing my letter of yesterday in regard to the distribution of minor coins, I have come across a circular of the Director of the Mint dated April 16th, 1873, relative to that subject.

A copy of this circular was sent you as appears from the record, April 22d., 1873. Unless suspended or modified by later instructions of the Director, they are still in force as far as relates to those minor coins authorized to be issued by the Mint.

Please report whether you find any instructions modifying the circular other than the modification in letter of April 22d., 1873.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Joseph Nimmo, Esq.,
Chf. Bu. of Statistics.

Jan'y, 6th, 1882.

Sir:

Please send by bearer the numbers of the New York Commercial and Shipping List from January 1st., 1881, to date.

Respectfully,

P. A. Leonard, Esq.,
Chaffee County Times,
Buena Vista, Dak.

Jan'y 6. 1882

Sir:

Accept my thanks for copy of the New Year's edition of the Chaffee County Times.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Hon. Jno. A. Logan,
Senate Chamber.

Jan'y, 6, 1882.

Sir:

Please send me for my use in the office of the Director of the Mint bound copies of the Congressional Record of the 3rd Session of the 46th Congress

and greatly oblige.

Yours respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Benj. F. Marsh,
House of Rep's.

Jan'y 6. 1882.

Sir:

Please send me a copy of the Congressional Directory.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. W. Merick, Esq.,
Black Hills Pioneer,

Jan'y 6. 1882.

Sir,

Accept my thanks for copy of the New Year edition of the Black Hills Pioneer.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

R. E. Preston,

January 6. 1882.

U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Ascertain where you can procure a calculating machine and the cost.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Jan. 6. 1882.

Sir:

In reply to the interrogatory raised in your letter of the 5th, instant, in relation to the time

" when a bonded officer appointed by the President
 " and confirmed by the Senate, commences to exercise
 " the functions of his office and is entitled to the pay
 " of such office, I have to reply.

" Section 3501 of the Revised Statutes pro-
 " vides as follows: The Superintendent, the Assayer,
 " the Melters Refiner and the Coiner of each Mint
 " before entering upon the execution of their re-
 " spective offices, shall become bonded to the United
 " States, with one or more sureties approved by
 " the Secretary of the Treasury in the sum of not less
 " than Ten and not more than Fifty Thousand
 " Dollars, with condition for the faithful and dili-
 " gent performance of the duties of his office."

From this it is apparent that no one of the
 officers named can exercise the functions of his
 office, until his bond has been approved by the
 Secretary of the Treasury. The delivery of his com-
 mission is not essential.

In reference to the compensation of such
 an officer.

Section 1756 of the Revised Statutes provides
 " Every person elected or appointed to any office
 " of honor or profit, either in the civil, military or
 " naval service excepting the President and the persons
 " embraced by the Section following shall before entering
 " upon the duties of such office, and before being en-
 " titled to any part of the salary or other emoluments
 " thereof, take and subscribe to the following oath:

Under this section of law, the ruling of
 the Department, and the practice has been that
 an officers pay shall commence from date of
 his official oath, unless by mutual consent
 he relieves an officer at some later time, in
 which case his pay commences from the date
 the retiring officers pay ceases, as in the case

of yourself and Governor Pollock.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Jan 6. 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$4,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Jan. 6. 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$5,704.⁴⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ <u>2,854.⁴⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>2,100.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>750.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 5-1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Wernan H. Lee Kamp, workman in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 31st ultimo forwarded with your communication of the 3rd instant.

Very respectfully,
 Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 5-1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Clarence W. Hodge, Clerk in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 31st ultimo, forwarded with your communication of the 3rd instant.

Very respectfully,
 Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 6-1882,

Sir:

I would respectfully suggest that when you are having your bullion accounts and abstract sheets bound that you have printed on the outside the quarter and year for which the accounts are rendered.

The additional expense will probably be trif-

ling and it will assist somewhat in finding the accounts after they are filed in the Office of the Register of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 6. 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing receipted invoice of supplies sent you by the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department, and would state that the same has been transmitted.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

Jan. 6. 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th, instant in relation to a copying press, I have to say that the kind described are not kept in stock in the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department. You are therefore authorized to purchase one.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Prince C. Van Wyck, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

Jan. 6. 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank "Register of Assays of Gold Deposits", for use of your Office, and as requested in your letter of the 5th inst. and same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram

A. Holtzner, Esq.

January 6. 1882.

Boise City, Idaho.

Leave of absence for twenty days granted you as requested.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

January 6. 1882.

Sir:

In examining your register of gold and silver bullion deposited and purchased, just received, for the fourth quarter of 1881, and the register for the previous quarter, I find they do not contain the entries in full of the deliveries of silver bullion purchased weekly at the Department, the total amount purchased of different parties and the weight and character of the bullion being aggregated for each month. It is intended that the register of deposits shall be, as to all the entries except losses in melting, a duplicate of the weigh-clerk's book. As I explained verbally to the Register, the

Regulations require him to check the weights of the weigh-club, and make the entries for each deposit similar to those made by the weigh-club, with deductions, fineness, etc. It is to be kept in this office as a book of original entries, to which to refer in case of subsequent examinations of reports of monthly deliveries of purchased silver and of the weight and character of the bullion delivered. I therefore return the volumes transmitted by your letter of the 6th inst., as well as the one for the preceding quarter.

Please have the deliveries of the silver purchased weekly by the Department entered in the proper order with the other entries as to each deposit in regard to its weight, deductions, if any, fineness, etc., on the page following the entries already made of silver purchased at your Mint; or, if preferred, you can enter all the silver purchases in their proper order of delivery, making the entries, with the exception of losses in melting, correspond with the weigh-club's book, in which manner it is to be hereafter kept.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Birchard,
Director.

Telegram Omaha Smelting & Refining Co.
Omaha, Neb.

January 7, 1882.

Purchases of silver bullion in lots exceeding ten thousand ounces are only made Thursdays on offers addressed Director of the Mint. Telegraph Superintendent New Orleans Mint to have your silver entered in the name of Mr Nash unless you have so ordered by mail.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Birchard,
Director.

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Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

Jan. 7, 1882

Boston and Colorado made no offer on Thursday.
Hold silver until further advised.

Confirmed

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

Telegram W. V. Davis, Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Jan. 7, 1882

What is the amount of silver received from the
Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. referred to in your
dispatch of today?

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Jan. 7, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official
oath of Miss Ella Warner an Adjuster in the Coins
department of your institution bearing date of the
3rd inst., forwarded with your communication of the
same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 7, 1882.

Sir:

In response to your request of yesterday I enclose
a copy of letter of October 28th relative to Indian peace
medals.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U.S.

New Orleans, La.

Jan. 7. 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Virginia R. Carrias, Counter in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 3rd inst., forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U.S.

New Orleans, La.

Jan. 7. 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of L. J. Allain, Workman in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 3rd inst., forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Jan. 7. 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of T. M. J. Clark, Fireman in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 2nd inst., forwarded with your communication of the 3rd, instant.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson Nev.

January 7, 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st, ultimo, relative to a disallowance of 2 cents in the amount expended in distributing standard silver dollars, in your bullion accounts during the quarter ended, September 30, 1881, I have to inform you that I have referred your communication with the enclosure to the Auditor and presume the amount will be allowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson.

Jan. 7, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$10,000., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>2,000.</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>6,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>2,000.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. G. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Jan. 7, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

of your institution during the month of January 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$1280.~, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$ 1,630</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>7,100</u>
Contingent Expenses, 1882		<u>2,550</u>

Very respectfully,
Hortatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. B. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 7. 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment upon receipt of the machinery in proper order, duplicate bills of D. C. McCausland of New Orleans dated the 31st ultimo for one ingot machine and one extra cylinder and blocks, amounting to \$875.~ and for four extra springs for blocks amounting to \$12.~

Very respectfully,
Hortatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messes, D. C. McCausland,
No. 135- Fulton St.
New Orleans, La.

Jan. 7. 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bills of the 31st. ultimo for \$875.~ and \$12.~, respectively, for one ingot machine and one extra cylinder and blocks, and for four extra springs for blocks have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, with instructions to send you a draft for the amount

upon receipt of the goods, in good and proper condition.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, Carson.

Jan. 7, 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Pasting & refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt U. S. Mint
 Carson.

Jan. 7, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Memoranda of silver bullion, #44

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

Jan. 7, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

Record of gold & silver bullion received from Refinery

Settlement Bullion Register,
 Silver Workings - Coiners Department,
 1000 Deposit sheets of gold bullion,
 1000 Purchase sheets of silver bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Jan. 7, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have
 been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Beam account paper.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York.

Jan. 7, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have
 been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book, Classified Deposits of gold.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

B. F. Hartshorn, Esq.,
 Molloy,
 Minn.

Jan. 7, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treas-
 ury requesting to be informed of the weight and

fineness of the Standard Silver dollar, has been referred to this Office.

The weight of the Standard Silver dollar is $412\frac{1}{2}$ grains troy and the fineness 900 parts of silver and 100 of copper.

Very respectfully,
Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,

Jan 7, 1882

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Abstract of Petty Expenses # 52.13.

Very respectfully,
Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

G. H. Loker, Jr., Esq.,

Jan'y 7, 1882.

St. Louis, Smelting & Refg. Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Yours of the 5th inst. is received and in reply I have to inform you that there are on hand in my office about 350 of your quotation cards.

Respectfully,
Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. S. Sherwood, Esq.,

Jan'y 7, 1882

Portsmouth, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of Dec 30th, has been received and in reply I enclose a Circular in regard to

the purchase by the Mints of mutilated coin.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mess. Knoultton & Co.
New York, N. Y.

Jan'y 7, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter enclosing articles in regard to the duty on sugar, which I have read with interest.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan'y, 9, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. be increased Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.), by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank at Denver, Col. by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000.) and

that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank at Denver Col. by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Con. W. P. Hill,

Jan. 9, 1882.

U. S. Senate,

Mr Preston has examined Record and reports that all purchases from your Company prior to 1st instant have been delivered and that shipments appear to have been made in anticipation of sale.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Jan. 9, 1882.

New Orleans.

The records of this office and your returns show that all silver purchased from Boston and Colorado Company prior to first instant has been delivered, you will therefore hold the silver referred to in your dispatch of seventh instant until further advised.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Jan. 9, 1882.

New Orleans.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and sixty-four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco.

Jan. 9, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred twelve and one half cents per ounce fine.

Woratio C. Burckhard.

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Carson, Nevada.

James Gillfillan, Esq.,

Treasurer, U. S.

Washington D. C.

Jan. 9, 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith samples of Treasurer's blanks required for use at the U. S. Mint at New Orleans. Please favor by causing same to be forwarded as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Woratio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Messrs Kensel, Burckman & Horbach

No 25 William St.

New York.

Jan. 9, 1882

Gentlemen:

I am advised by Ludwig Seyss, of the shipments to San Francisco of three cases of machinery for the U. S. Mint of that city. I will thank you, upon the arrival of the same at New York if consigned to your care, to advise me by telegraph in order that I may take the necessary steps to have the same admitted free of duty and released from bond and delivered to the Quartermaster of the U. S. at New York to avoid the

trouble and delay which occurs in shipping government property over the subsidized railroad.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Jan. 9, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith form of advertisement inviting sealed proposals for furnishing wood and other supplies required by your Mint and the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for the publication of the same in the "Inquirer" and "Evening Sun" seven times in each paper.

I would suggest that the last insertion be not less than 3 days before the date fixed by you for the opening of the bids and this will give persons ample time in which to make up their proposals.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Jan. 9, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I request that you will purchase and cause to be forwarded to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans two (2) carboys of chemically pure nitric acid - 42° Baume for the use of the Assay Department of that Mint.

The Superintendent and Assayer express a preference for the acid manufactured by Messrs

Powers & Weightmann of your city.

You will please transmit accounts in duplicate accompanied by bills of lading to this office.

Very respectfully,

Ronald C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Jan. 9, 1882.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco,

Sir:

C. D. No. 436, for \$24. being on account of Assays of ore enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Ronald C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Jan. 9, 1882.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco,

Sir:

C. D. No. 437, for \$168.⁵⁰, being on account of Sales of old material, enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt" The statement of material sold, was not forwarded.

Very respectfully,

Ronald C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Jan. 9, 1882.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco,
Sir:

C. D. No. 438, for \$137.⁰⁰, being on account of sale of iridium, enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Herald C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Jan. 9, 1882

Supt. Mint
New Orleans,

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of December, 1881, at your Mint for special Assay and transmitted to this Office have been received - viz:

5 Standard Dollars - 5.00

Very respectfully,

Herald C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. Folger

Jan. 9, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, at Helena to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-two Thousand One Hundred Twenty²⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars, \$42,120.²⁴ in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred Twenty-seven⁴⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$427.⁴⁸) in

Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-seven $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars, (\$42,547.⁶⁷), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont., for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1867, dated 31st December, 1881, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-three $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars, (\$26,393.³⁶), in Gold coin, and Three Hundred $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars, (\$300.⁷²), in Silver coin making a total of Twenty-six Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-four $\frac{8}{100}$ Dollars, (\$26,694.⁰⁸), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by Memorandum, No. 28, dated Jan, 5, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Jan 9, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst. requesting a supply of blank forms, I desire to call at-

attention to the following items which should appear on your requisition for stationery.

Viz: 1 Doz. Blank Books $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ inches

1 Ruled - Dollar + Cent column + date

1 Doz. small Blank Books

$\frac{1}{2}$ " Blank Books 2 qrs Ruled date, dollar &c.

3,000 Manilla granulation Envelopes

$\frac{1}{2}$ Doz. Mem^o Books - Sample.

A sample will be required before the Superintendent's Order Book can be furnished you.

Your requisition for stationery is herewith returned to enable you to make the necessary entries. It would be better in all cases to enclose sample leaves of Blank and Mem^o Books required.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supr. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books, Weigh Clerks Silver Bullion Purchases #190, B.

2 Books " " " " Deposits #190, B.

2 Records of Deposit Melting

1 Register of gold deposits (payments) #180

1 Record of gold coin certificates - #160

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. C. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4 Calculation Blotters #81
50 Statements of purchases, coinage & transfers #193

The Treasurer of the U. S. has been requested to supply you with blanks #2 & 3 of your letter of the 4th instant.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Assay Memoranda #39, 40.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Deposit sheets of Silver Bullion #1, B.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supr. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Jan. 9, 1882.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Book, Locality of silver deposits
- 1 Book, " of gold deposits
- 1 Book, Silver Ingot
- 1 Book Silver deposits received.
- 1 Book, Silver purchases received

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.
 Assayer, St. Louis.

Jan 9, 1882

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of Jan'y 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$800.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1882	<u>\$800.-</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882]	
Contingent Expenses	1882]	<u>800.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
 Assayer, Denver Mint

Jan'y 9, 1882

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of Jan'y

1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>1,000.-</u>
Wages of Workman	1882	<u>800.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>200.-</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. P. Langford, Esq.,
 St. Paul, Minn.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for correction receipted bill in duplicate enclosed in your letter of the 4th instant, for services in collecting mining statistics. Will you please date the bill and state on the face of it, the month or months in which the services were rendered and return it to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Reverend C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York, N. Y.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the late Superintendent enclosing the request of the Assayer for an appropriation of \$300.- for the Toney Cabinet of ores in the Assayer's Department, I have to say that the estimates for the annual appropriations were prepared by this Bureau and submitted to Congress at the commencement of the present ses-

sin. All that can now be done is to call the attention of the Committee of Appropriations, or to wait until the estimates are prepared for the next fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. C. Stone, Esq.

Jan. 9, 1882

"N. Y. Bankers' Broker".

#42 Broad St. New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 6th, inst., asking for my estimates of the bullion output for the calendar year just closed, I regret to have to inform you that sufficient information has not been received from different localities and correspondents from which I can make a reliable estimate and I will not probably be able to make one until the latter part of next month.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Jas. W. Hubbard, Esq.

Jan. 9, 1882.

Hilton Junction, Iowa.

Sir:

I have delayed replying to your communication in reference to the appointment of your son to a place in the Treasury Department, waiting for a conference with Mr. Fairwell. The only place to which I could assist in procuring his appointment is that of translator, but Mr. Fairwell is not satisfied that your son has sufficient acquaintance with the modern foreign languages to warrant his recommending him as qualified to perform the duty of that

position.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Hollister, Esq.,
Salt Lake City,
Utah.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 12th of November, 1881, for furnishing an article entitled "Mining in Utah" purchased for the use of my report on the production of gold and silver in the U.S. amounting to \$200. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. S. Thompson, Esq.,
708 - 10th St.
City.

Jan. 9, 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 1st inst. for chemicals purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$16.80, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan'y 10, 1882.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
thirteen and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 10, 1882

Have you opened for business, answer.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 10, 1882.

Sir:

Please forward as soon as possible, the monthly report of localities of production of domestic gold and silver deposits and purchases and names of smelting works, fine bullion deposited and ounces by each, &c.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Jan'y 10, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th. inst. informing me that your records do not show that any instructions were given by the Secretary of the Treasury prior to the Act of 1873, regarding the distribution of minor coins, except in the form of circulars for distribution to parties inquiring how to procure them

of which no copies can be found.

I was aware of the circulars to which you refer issued during the last year from the Secretary's office but I asked only for Instructions issued prior to the passage of the Coinage Act, for the reason that, prior to that date the delivery was under the direction of the Secretary; but that Act placed the distribution of minor coins exclusively under the direction of the Director of the Mint. In the exercise of the discretion vested in him by law, Director Hinderman issued the circular of April 16th, 1873, which, of course, is in force unless it has been subsequently annulled or modified by the Director.

You say in your letter of the 7th, inst., "and acting under the authority contained in your letter of the 6th, the transportation on the minor coin will be paid, as heretofore, by the Mint." My letter of the 6th, inst., was not intended and does not contain any authority or direction in regard to the free transportation of minor coins, and I have made no order on the subject. Whatever authority, if any exists, for the payment by the Mint of cost of transportation will be found in the circulars or orders of my predecessor.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Jan. 10, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1 Visitors Register.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Eliot L. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 10, 1882

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Assay reports on gold bullion # 39. 10.

25 Account Currents # 54

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 10, 1882

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Superintendent's Ledger

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. B. C. Cook,
Genl. Solicitor
Chi and N. W. Railway
Chicago, Ills.

Jan'y 10, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you the pass on the Northwestern Railway for 1881, which you kindly obtained for me last year, and which has expired. Please do me the favor to procure its renewal for 1882, and oblige.

Truly yours,

Honatio C. Burchard.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq.,

Jan. 10. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I am having prepared and will send to the printer to-day, blank forms to take the place of those at present in use, Nos. 11, 12 & 13, for reporting deposits and purchases remaining unpaid at the close of the quarter.

The new sheets will show the mode of payment; the same as shown by the abstract sheets and shown by form No. 14, used in reporting deposits of previous quarters paid.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

L. P. Brockett, M. D.

Jan. 10. 1882

No. 206, Quincy St.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir

In accordance with your request of the 9th, inst. I mail you a second copy of my Annual report for 1881.

You state that you notice that my statement of the gold and silver production of Colorado for the fiscal year 1881 is nearly two millions below the official statement from there for the calendar year, and ask if there is that much difference.

I have not seen any official statement of the product of Colorado, and am not aware of any office authorized to make one. Estimates lately published in the Colorado papers make the product for the calendar year over \$22,000,000. This, however, includes lead, the production of which from lower grade ores is being increased, while that of silver is diminishing.

Respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Miss. Duesel, Kauschberg, & Co.
No. 11. South Gay St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Jan. 10. 1882

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 7th, inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office.

Nickel for the minor coinage is purchased under Section 3.528 of the Revised Statutes, by public advertisement and the lowest and best bid accepted.

There were lately purchased in this manner 20,000 pounds, at \$1.15 per pound.

Should an additional amount be required, which is now uncertain, bids will be solicited by advertisement, and we hope you and your friends will submit offers.

Enclose you a copy of the Section of the Revised Statutes referred to.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. Young King,
Care W. W. Bartlett, Esq.,
No. 1337 L. Street,
Washington, D. C.

Jan'y 10. 1882

Sir,

Enclosed I forward you a memorandum prepared in my office, answering the questions you submitted relating to a Mint establishment, and the expenses that would be incurred in coinage, the machinery required, number of men necessary &c.

I hope you will find the questions satisfactorily answered.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

Jan. 10. 1882

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that the same be paid from the appropriation contained in the First Section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollars, passed February 28, 1878, bill of Ludwig Seyss for one (1) automatic assaying machine, amounting to 13,000 francs, (\$2,512.07) which you acknowledge to have received on the 22nd ultimo.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Jan. 10. 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant, transmitting a statement of the coinage at your Mint during the calendar year in which you show a coinage of gold during the month of November, of \$19,500.-

Neither your dispatch of November 30, letter of same date, nor certified statement of Coiner transmitted December 1, report this coinage. Please state as early as practicable which statement I shall take, as I desire to publish the total coinage of the calendar year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 10, 1882

Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the abstract sheets of gold bullion and purchases of silver bullion, forwarded with your bullion accounts, do not enable me to tell what portion of the charges collected from depositors during the quarter should be carried to the credit of parting & refining account and what portion to the credit of profit and loss. As the former are made applicable by law for use in defraying the expenses connected with the operations of parting and refining bullion, and when deposited are covered into the Treasury differently from the charges which are carried to the credit of your profit and loss account, it is essential that I should have some means of verifying these entries in your accounts, and as the entries are made in the accounts from the abstract sheets, the latter should afford the necessary information. This could be done by using the sheets heretofore forwarded you from this office for the purpose, or if the ruling on them does not conform to the desire of your abstract clerk in this respect you can either prepare sheets which will show the charges for toughening refining & parting bullion in a column, or columns, separate from all other charges, or alter the headings of the columns for charges on your present abstract sheets, which you seem to prefer to use.

This is a matter of some importance and I consider it necessary that I should know that the proper charges are carried to the credit of the respective accounts, which I cannot do so long as the alloy charge is embraced in the same

column with charges which go to the credit of a different account.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Jan. 11, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Archie F. Pratt, Workman in the General Department of your institution, bearing date of the 3rd, instant, forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

January 11, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Samuel Welles, Night Watchman in the General Department of your institution bearing date of the 3rd, inst., forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard

Jan. 11, 1882.

Director of the Mint,

Sir:

Mr John Clark, the labour assigned to the

Assay Laboratory, has informed me that he is unable to perform the work which has been done by the labour heretofore employed. His excuse being that the work requires more knowledge and skill than belong to the position of labourer.

Very respectfully,

Wm. P. Sawyer,

Assayer.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 11, 1882.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Wm M. Tirtlot, Night Watchman in the General Department of your institution, bearing date of the 3rd instant, forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 11, 1882

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of J. G. Jones, Night Watchman, in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 3rd inst., forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,

Jan. 11, 1882.

Respectfully referred to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury.

The labour for the Office of the Director of the Mint is required to be employed in the Assay Laboratory, where in assisting at the delicate operations to be performed, unusual skill, accuracy, and carefulness are of the highest importance. I recommend that the labour John Clark be transferred to some other Bureau or to a firemans position (for which he may be fitted) or if that is impracticable, that he be discharged.

Walter F. Brown who is a mechanic, and has been for some time temporarily assigned to the Assay Laboratory possesses considerable skill and aptitude for work there required, and I request his transfer to the office of the Director of the Mint as a labourer.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 11, 1882.

Sir:

In forwarding, in connection with your bullion accounts, lists of deposits of gold or silver bullion or purchases of silver bullion remaining unpaid at the close of the quarter you will specify on the lists the mode of payment, the same as is done in cases of deposits of previous quarters paid during the quarter.

Forms Nos. 11, 12, and 13, upon which these are reported have been changed and amended forms sent to the printer. As soon as they are received a supply will be forwarded you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard
Director.

Refers to letter of Mr. Lawrence, page 449

Letters similar to last one on page 487.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

James Crawford Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Canton, Nev.

A. Bondon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philada, Pa.

Jan. 11, 1882.

Sir:

You will please furnish me a statement signed by the person or persons who purchased the sweeps showing the receipt by you of \$10,161.⁵⁷, as entered in your bullion accounts for the 3rd quarter of the calendar year 1881.

This is necessary to enable me to certify as to the correctness of the loss by the sale of sweeps credited in the accounts.

Very respectfully,
Charles C. Burdick,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 11, 1882.

Sir:

As the necessary blanks have been forwarded you, upon which to render your monthly accounts of ordinary expenses required by the regulations, you are hereby instructed to render an account for settlement showing the amounts advanced you from the date of your entry on duty, from the various appropriations for the support of your institution and the distribution thereof, for which original vouchers signed by the parties receiving the money must be furnished, covering the transactions from the date of your entry on duty to the 31st of December

1881, and the balance at that date.

Hereafter you will render an account each month showing the expenses paid by you. These monthly accounts will consist of "an account current"; "an abstract of disbursements" and "pay-rolls of officers and employes" (duplicate of which you will retain) and the bills paid, of which you will also retain duplicates.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Jan. 11, 1882.

Transmit monthly statements of deposits for December as soon as possible.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Mint
Carson.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 11, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and eighty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. J. D. Cameron,
Senate Chamber

Jan. 11, 1882

Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th. inst., informing me that Mr. Pedro Solom, of Philadelphia, desires to be appointed one of the Annual Assay Commissioners

and recommending his application for favorable consideration. I will when the appointments are to be made, submit his name with your recommendation to the President.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

D. M. Bartney, Esq.,
Sterling, Illinois.
Dear Sir:

Jan. 11, 1882.

I have your request of January 5th. and will ask Mess. Davidge & Porter for copies of their speeches, and forward to you if received.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. B. Brown Esq.,
Acton, Ills.

Jan'y 11, 1882

Sir:

In reply to yours of Jan. 6th., you are informed that the Government recognizes no worth attaching to one cent pieces beyond their face value.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. A. London Snowden
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad'a.

Jan. 11, 1882

Sir:

Please cause your monthly statements of "deposits and purchases", and "domestic production", for November and December last to be prepared and transmitted as early as possible.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Jan. 11. 1882.

Sir:

Please cause your monthly statements of "deposits and purchases" and domestic production for December last to be transmitted as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 11. 1882

Sir:

You will please forward at your earliest convenience your Bullion Accounts for the third and fourth quarters of the last calendar year.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Jan. 11. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
12 Books of Silver receipts. #8. &c.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Jan. 11, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
 have been mailed you this day, viz:
 1 Assayer's Register of silver bullion purchased.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 12, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Wandy & Cronise
 24 Nassau Street, N. Y.

Jan. 12, 1882.

One hundred thousand ounces of your offer for Philadelphia, and fifty thousand of that for New Orleans accepted, balance declined.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram E. W. Nash,
 care Nathan Corwith, Chicago, Ill.
 Your offer accepted.

Jan. 12, 1882.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
Jas. B. Colgate & Co, J. W. Gleason, Daniel Meyer
 47 Wall St. New York. San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, January 12, 1882
San Francisco

Receive from Daniel Meyer one hundred and fifteen thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and six tenths cents per ounce and from J. W. Gleason twenty thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and sixty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. Jan. 12. 1882
Denver, Colorado.

Forty thousand ounces of your offer accepted at one hundred fourteen and three hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, Jan. 12. 1882
San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Bank of California, J. B. Haggin,
San Francisco, San Francisco.

Telegram P. N. Lilienthal, L. Bacon,
San Francisco, San Francisco.

Telegram Helmerich & Hansen,
San Francisco.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Jan. 12. 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th, instant stating that you have been notified by the Superintendents of the several Mints that they have forwarded certain reverse dies to your Mint, and that you are at a loss to understand why they are sent to you.

Prior to the last calendar year it had been the custom of the Mint at Philadelphia to furnish the other mints with dies of such denominations and in such numbers as requisitions were made for, and as it was usual for the mints to keep a supply of dies on hand, some of the reverse dies might not be used for several years.

No means therefore existed for knowing whether all the dies sent from your Mint were used or destroyed.

In order that a more complete record might be kept and that all coinage dies could be traced from the time they left your Mint until they were destroyed, a system was adopted of numbering consecutively all dies made for each year and their use and destruction reported by their numbers.

In your letter of September 14th, 1880, you suggested, that, as at the conclusion of each fiscal year there are a number of reverse dies which are usually carried over and used the following year, all these dies be destroyed.

Adopting your suggestion so far as not to carry dies made for one year over into subsequent years, I instructed the Superintendents of the Mints to return unused reverse dies to your Mint.

It seems to me that the numbers on these dies might be ground out or otherwise removed and that they be renumbered, recorded and returned in filling requisitions for subsequent years. If this is not practicable they should be destroyed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 12. 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil, statement of earnings & expenditure of your Mint of the 3rd quarter of the calendar year 1881. The amount transferred from the appropriation to re-imburse the losses occasioned by wastages and sale of sweeps is not an earning and should not appear on this statement.

In addition to the expenditures embraced in the statement the item of loss occasioned by adjusting the value of the silver in your bar accounts on the 30th. of June from the rate at which it was purchased, to a dollar per standard ounce, amounting to \$16.⁶⁴ should appear, or else it could be deducted from the earning of \$459.⁷⁸, deposit melting room and sewer sweeps.

I intend to have these quarterly statements of earnings and expenditures carefully examined and am having prepared a form upon which to under them, similar to the table in my annual report.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

B. F. Stephens Esq.,

January 12, 1882

No 4 Trafalgar Square

London, England.

Sir:

I am informed that the price for the six volumes of Thomas Fookes History of Prices (which is now out of date) is quoted at seven to nine guineas. Please buy me a set if possible, at not exceeding that price, and I will pay you a reasonable commission. If they can not be purchased at that price, inform me of the lowest price at which they can be procured.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

W. H. Dodge, Esq.,

January 12, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that an advance be made you from the appropriation for collecting Mining Statistics for the current fiscal year, of \$500, in accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 5th instant.

This will make \$1,500, advanced you from this appropriation, the same amount as was advanced you last year, and I trust will be sufficient to complete the service of the year, as the appropriation for the present year will hardly be sufficient for the purpose appropriated.

In view of this fact you are respectfully directed not to incur any expenses under this head in excess of the amount already advanced you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Miss Ralph Heaton-Sons,

Jan'y 12. 1882.

The Mint,

Birmingham,

England.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of December 31st, is received.
I should be pleased to receive a copy of your book when
completed.

Please note my address at the head of the sheet.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. J. Davis, Esq.,

Jan'y 12, 1882

Superintendent U.S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this
day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treas-
ury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following
parties, at the rates and for the amounts respect-
ively named, which you will receive and pay for,
as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by
draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, pay-
able in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Omaha Smelting Co, 60,000 Ounces, at, \$ 1.1375

Handy & Cronise 50,000 " " 1.1403

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 40,000 " " 1.1403

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia,

Jan'y 12, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Jas. B. Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at, 1,1360
 Handy & Cronise 100,000 " " 1,1368

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 12, 1882

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to reimburse your profit and loss account from the appropriations in accordance with the Regulations pages 15th & 16, "Accounting for wastagend loss on sweeps," for the loss occasioned during the 3rd quarter of the calendar year, 1881, on gold in sweeps sold amounting to \$1863⁹⁹.

Hereafter you will please make the reimbursements in the same quarters accounts in which the loss appears as required by the last clause of the Regulation referred to.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint, Phila.

Jan'y 12. 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5474, for \$44.48, being on account of refinery charges enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Jan'y 12. 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5475, for \$58.25, being on account of charges other than refinery enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint. Phila.

Jan'y 12. 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5476, for \$108. being on account of Assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts,

and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt Mint, Phila.

January 12, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5477, for \$334.⁸¹, being on account of old material sold enclosed in your communication of the 11th, inst., has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Supt. Assay Office,

New York.

January 12, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2,676.³³, to meet the expenses of the refinery, in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt Assay Office,
New York.

January 12, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$630.25, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries

Wages of Workmen 1882 0.50

Contingent Expenses 1882 630.25

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bunckard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

January 12, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 482, for \$2676.³³, being on account of appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion, enclosed in your communication of the 16th. instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Refining Expense accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bunckard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

Jan. 12, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 483, for \$630.⁷⁵, being on account of unexpended appropriations, Dec. 31, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Expense accounts, \$630.²⁵ of the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, and 50¢ to the credit of the appropriation for wages of workmen, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan. 12, 1882

Sir:

The U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, being opened for business, I have the honor to request that in order to enable the Assayer in charge to make payment for gold deposits and for silver contained therein, that a bullion fund be created by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) in gold coin and Five Thousand (\$5,000.) in silver dollars and that these amounts be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said office with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. Wollers, Esq.,
Assayer, Boise.

January 12, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$760., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 250.-

Wages of Workmen 1882)

Contingent Expenses 1882) 500.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 12, 1882

Sir:

In mailing blank forms to your address recently, 2,000 "Statements of Gold Bullion forwarded xx" were inadvertently sent you instead of 200. Please cause 200 of them to be mailed to the U. S. Mint at Denver and return the remainder to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. G. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Jan'y 12, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of T. M. Tucker, Workman, in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 9th instant, forwarded with

your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Ludwig Seyss, Esq.,

January 12, 1882.

Alzgersdorf

(Near Vienna) Austria.

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill of exchange, drawn by Messrs Riggs & Co. of this City, on Monsieur P. Hurst Herard, Paris, in your favor for 13000 francs, in payment for the first assorting & coin weighing machine shipped by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco, as per your letter of advice dated October, 8, 1881.

I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the bill of exchange enclosed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Jan. 12, 1882.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of December at your Mint for Special Assay and transmitted to this Office have been received, viz:

4 Standard Silver Dollars	\$ <u>4.00</u>
3 Double Eagles	<u>60.00</u>
2 Half Eagles	<u>10.00</u>
Total	<u>74.00</u>

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard
Director

Chas. C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 12. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

12 Bullion Accounts #12

100 Memoranda Silver bullion deposited #40.10.

100 Certificates of Silver deposited #5.00.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Richards & Co.
4 Murray Street
New York City.

Jan'y 12. 1882.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 10th, instant for Platinum Dish purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this office amounting to \$31.⁸⁴, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

The Financier Association
P. O. Box, 1319.
New York City.

Jan. 12. 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the - for one years subscription for "The Public" from December 9th 1881, to Dec. 9th, 1882 purchased for the use of this office,

amounting to \$5.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs. W^m Ballantine & Son,

#428 Seventh St. N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Jan. 12, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 10th instant for books purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this office amounting to \$23.⁵⁸, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. S. Bradford, Esq.

Sec'y. Dunderberg Mng Co.
New York.

Jan. 12, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. relative to returns from the Dunderberg Mining Co.

If you give me your gross receipts and can state approximately what proportion the selling price bears to the Assay value it will be of more service than a reference to the buyers of ore who probably do not work each lot of

one separately.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Hodge, Esq.,

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

January 13, 1882

Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd, inst. relative to procuring articles for the report on the "Production of Gold and Silver".

I shall be pleased to have articles furnished on the subjects, consecutively numbered by you from one to thirteen from gentlemen you deem best qualified to write upon them.

You are authorized to contract with Mess. Gale and Shidmore to prepare the papers they propose to furnish at the prices named in your letter.

I do not wish to go to Congress for a deficiency appropriation for the collection of mining statistics, which I fear I would have to do should I authorize the additional expenditure proposed in your letter.

I have advanced you as much as I supposed you would need during this fiscal year for the collection of these statistics, but I do not wish to restrict you from any expenditure absolutely necessary to make your work complete and satisfactory to yourself. Please cause the information you have collected to be classified, and forward it as soon as practicable so as to reach this office, if possible not later than February 20th.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Jay A. Hubbell

January 13, 1882

House of Representatives

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th instant I have this day sent a copy of my report of the "Production of Gold and Silver in the U.S." to H. W. Wright, Calumet, Michigan.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor

January 13, 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver, for the month ending Dec. 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

January 13, 1882

Assayer, Denver,

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending December, 31, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Jan'y 13. 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, for the month ending Dec. 31. 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horalio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,

Assayer, Boise City.

Jan'y 13. 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending December 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horalio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Late Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

Jan'y 13. 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Refinery Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending December 1881,

Very respectfully,

Horalio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Jan'y 13. 1882.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery, and Statistical Expense Accounts Abstract and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Jan'y 13. 1882

Supt. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Parting & refining bullion bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for freight and supplies shipped your Mint as per duplicate bills of lading enclosed amounting to \$15.29

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans

Jan'y 13. 1882

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to one hundred fourteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 13. 1882

If Omaha Smelting Company have completed

delivery on purchase of thirty thousand ounces on fifth instant, apply silver referred to in your dispatch on account of purchase of sixty thousand ounces made yesterday from that Company at one hundred thirteen and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans.

January 13, 1882

Sir:

It is with regret that I learn from your letter of the 10th instant, of the death on the 7th inst. of John Hawley, who has for many years been creditably employed as a workman in the Melted and Refiner's Department of your mint. The name of Mr Hawley will be dropped from the Official Register of this office from the 7th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

To the

Secretary of the Treasury,

January 13, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the public printer be directed to correct an error made in labeling certain books prepared for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco and furnished on requisition 1007, from this office. Should be "Chip Clerk" instead of Chief Clerk as printed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint

January 13, 1882

Sir:

You are authorized to instruct the Superintendents of the Coinage Mints, in the Coinage of standard silver dollars, to use silver parted from gold deposits or received in payment of the charges on silver bullion deposited for bars; and to direct that all silver bullion procured in this manner, not needed to be held under the provisions of Section 3,545 of the Revised Statutes for the immediate payment of deposits for bars, be transferred to the Silver Bullion Purchase Account, and, thereby, become a purchase for Silver Coinage, at the rate paid or allowed deposits therefor.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 13, 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made for five reams of half sheet headed paper for the use of your Mint, as requested in your letter of the 12th instant. It will be forwarded to you as soon as completed.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint,
Carson.

January 13, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper

Accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your Contingent appropriation for the fiscal year 1881, bills of the Central Pacific R.R. Co. for freight on supplies shipped your Mint, as per duplicate bills of lading enclosed, amounting to \$573.⁶⁶.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.
Room 91, Corcoran Building
City.

Jan'y 13. 1882.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Central Pacific R.R. Co. dated April 30, 1881, for freight on supplies shipped the Mints at Carson and San Francisco, in January, February and March of last year, amounting to \$588.⁸⁶.

The amount of the bill as rendered was \$1567⁴¹, but a portion of the amount was for freight shipped under the direction of the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint
Carson.

Jan'y 13. 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from your Contingent

appropriation for the current-fiscal year bill of the Central Pacific R.R. Co. for freight on sewer pipes in September 1881, from Lincoln, Cal., to Reno, Nev., amounting to \$41.07

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. Gutman, Esq.,

Room 91, Corcoran Building,
City.

January 13, 1882

Sir:

Bills of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation of R. J. Stevens from San Francisco to Ogden amounting to \$46., and for freight on sewer pipe for the Carson Mint amounting to \$41.57, amounting in all to \$87.57 enclosed in your letter of the 10th inst., have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.
Philadelphia

January 13, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. in which you ask if the sentence quoted from my previous letter did not authorize the continuance of the policy of Director Hindermann unless later instructions were found abrogating the same, I have to reiterate the statement in my last letter to you on the subject that it was not intended to and did not make any order, but simply stated the evident

proposition that an order issued by competent authority remains in force, unless modified or abrogated. When I give instructions, I intend to make them explicit and definite.

Your authority for the free delivery of minor coins as far as I have any personal knowledge of the orders made, is found in the Circular of Director Bixdesman and its letter of transmittal to your Mint.

I am careful to distinguish between an official order previously made and a mere statement of its own existence, as in this case, because a statement made in a similar manner by Mr. Preston, on the 24th of August last, and intended merely to inform you, in answer to your letter, of the previous suspension, by the Secretary of the Treasury, of the three cent nickel coinage, was interpreted in your letter to the Treasurer dated the 21st of December last, as a direction from the Acting Director himself to suspend its coinage, authority to do which is exclusively vested in the Secretary, and was never claimed for or exercised by this office. My approval of the bills, month by month, for the transportation of minor coins free of cost is a tacit recognition of the existence of orders by the Director for such transportation. But I must still insist that the authority for the free delivery of minor coins in the principal cities and towns of the United States is derived from the order of my predecessor whose circular I enclose, and not from my order.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Buchard,
 Director.

H. C. B. B. B.

and per se.

General B. B.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer, Denver.

Jan'y 13, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 7764, for 162—, being on account of Assays of ore, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

Jan'y 14, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed please find draft on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for \$5.⁸⁸ for which I will thank you to send me per registered mail two silver proof sets of the coinage of 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Montana.

Jan. 14, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of yesterday in reference to a book for the New York Assay Office - mis-sent to your address, I will thank you to re-mail same direct to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burckhard
Director.

W. B. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt Mint U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

January 14, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will return to this office the "Register of Gold Deposits" recently sent you. It is erroneously bound inasmuch as only a portion of it should be used for Gold Deposits, the remainder being intended for Silver Deposits and Purchases made during same quarter.

This book and the two books for Silver Deposits and Purchases were ordered upon your requisition of September 17th, 1881, in accordance with directions on sample folio sent; and the error in the binding was not discovered until the two last were received from the public printer. It is my intention to have them all rebound, putting a certain proportion of the different headings in the same book, to correspond with those in use now in your office.

In making requisitions for books, and blank forms, great care should be observed in their description to avoid error.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Buschard,
 Director.

A. Wothers, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge
 Boise City.

January 14, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. forwarding a statement showing the amount collected by you during the quarter ended December 31, 1881, for assays of ores, viz: \$39.⁰⁰.

You will please deposit the amount in the

Treasury and forward the G/O to this Office.

Hereafter please have the Certificate of Deposit accompany your report, and also forward the certificates depositing your own charges collected from depositors with your quarterly statements of Earnings and Expenditures.

Your attention is directed to the Regulation page 15, "Disposition of moneys arising from charges sale of by-products of old material".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 14, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Patterson Du Bois, Assistant Assayer in the Assay department of your institution, bearing date of the 13th inst., forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt Mint,

Philadelphia

Jan. 14, 1882

Sir:

An examination of the Assayers reports accompanying your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, discloses the fact that the rate of charges imposed in certain cases is apparently in excess of that authorized by the Regulations.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the enclosed schedules showing the rate of charge imposed on certain deposits and the rate authorized by the Regulations.

The error in each case enumerated on schedule C. consisted in imposing a "fine bar charge" on bullion requiring parting or refining, which is not authorized by the Regulations.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

Jan'y, 14, 1882

Treasury Department;

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Reine C. van Wyck, Esq.,

Jan. 14, 1882

Supt. Assay Office, New York,

Sir:

C. D. No. 490, for \$291.⁰⁰, being on account of Melting and alloy charges in December, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 13th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Jan. 14, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 491, for \$1921.⁸⁸, being on account of Refinery earnings in December, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 13th, instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Packing & refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Jan. 14, 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Abstract of Bullion Account paper as per sample sent, and as requested in your letter of the 12th inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Jan. 14, 1882

Sir:

An examination of the Reports of the Assayer of your Mint accompanying your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, disclosed the fact

that the parting charge imposed on certain deposits enumerated in the enclosed schedule is different from that authorized by the Regulations.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

B. F. Stephens, Esq.,

4 Trafalgar Square

London, England.

Jan'y 14, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send Treasury Draft #B 15,925) for \$17.⁷⁶/₁₀₀, payable to your order in settlement of your account for subscription to the Chemical Society Journal and L Economiste for 1882 as per bill rendered under date of December 17th 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge.

St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 14, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 weekly reports of gold bullion deposits melted #102, B.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. W. Acton, Esq.Late Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

January 14, 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending December 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury

January 14, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor respectfully to return herewith the letter of the Treasurer of the United States and the accompanying papers and correspondence between the Treasurer and Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint which were referred to me for my consideration.

In regard to the matters thus referred I desire to say that as appears from the records of this office no orders have been given by the Director of the Mint concerning the delivery of minor coins except by the enclosed circular, issued by Director Hinderman in the exercise of his legal discretion and his letter of April 22, 1873, transmitting it to the Philadelphia Mint.

A suspension of the coinage of minor coins was directed by the Secretary, and a copy of his order, dated May 8th. 1876, is herewith enclosed.

Inquiry at this office would have ascertained that no order had been given by the present Director or in his absence by the Acting Director concerning the

"delivery of Minor coins in the principal cities and towns of the United States" and that all orders for the suspension or resumption of the minor coinage had been issued by, or with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Had the Treasurer been aware of this, his request as the Director believes would not have been made for an order restraining the Director of the Mint from exercising the discretion specially and exclusively vested in him by Section 3529 of the Revised Statutes.

Orders, copies of which are herewith enclosed, have, however, been given by one to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to discontinue the illegal redemption of minor coins at that Mint. Although the Coinage Act of 1873, had omitted the Mints from the enumerated offices at which coins might be redeemed, subsequent circulars signed by the Secretary or the Treasurer following the old form previously used, by an oversight doubtless, included the Mints among the places of redemption.

Upon calling Secretary Sherman's attention to this error and the provisions of Section 3529 of the Revised Statutes, he concurred in the opinion that the redemption of Minor coins at the Philadelphia Mint was not authorized by law.

It is respectfully suggested that all confusion and apparent conflict in circulars, or orders can be avoided if information and notice of orders and regulations relating to the transaction of business of the Mints of the United States are communicated to the officers in charge, and to the public by and through the proper Bureau specially vested with the control and supervision of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Wm A Richardson,
 Court of Claims
 Washington, D.C.

Jan'y 16. 1882

Sir

Yours of the 16th inst recommending the appointment of Mr. Russell of Boston as one of the Assay Commissioners this year, with the recommendation addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury is duly received.

I shall take great pleasure in presenting Mr. Russell's name and the letter to the Secretary, when the selection is to be made.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Mess. Dresel, Rauschenberg & Co.
 No. 11 South Gay St.,
 Baltimore, Md.

Jan'y 16. 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst is received.
 Pure nickel is required for the Coinage and samples such as you describe not free from other metals especially iron, that would render the nickel brittle, would not be suitable in the coinage.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
 Supt Mint, U.S.
 New Orleans, La.

Jan'y 14. 1882

Sir:

Referring to Voucher #95 of your Ordinary Expense account for the month of December 1881, I desire to call your attention to the items of Nitric

acid and sash cord bought from J. L. Lyon druggist. The acid is billed at 14¢ per lb while the contract rate is only 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, and the charges 50¢ per lb. for sash cord that was furnished on the Contract of last year by Messrs. Woodward and Wight at 22¢. I will thank you to explain this violation of contract and apparent exorbitant charge.

For the account of L. M. Gex for charcoal voucher #102, of same accounts, he bills "acks" of coal instead of "barrels" as the contract reads.

Please inform me whether there is any difference in these measures.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La

Jan'y 16, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing requisition for stationery for the use of your mint and samples of books needed by you and would state that the requisition for stationery has been transmitted. Requisition will be made for the books described this day.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in charge, St Louis.

Jan'y 16, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use

have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Memoranda of gold bullion deposited #42.10.

50 Deposit sheets of silver bullion #2.13.

25 Statements of gold & silver of domestic production #6.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Jan. 16, 1882

Sir,

I have received your monthly statements of deposits and purchases for the month of November. Please transmit the December statements at your earliest convenience, as I have immediate use for the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

January 16, 1882

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, in relation to the pay due John Hawley, a workman in the Melting Department who died on the 7th instant, I would say that in such cases where there is a small amount due an individual, the custom of the Department has been to allow the widow to sign the pay-roll provided there is no estate to be administered on. If such is the case that is, if there is no estate, it will only be necessary to make an entry of the fact, that the lady signing is the widow and that there is

an estate to be administered on.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge
 Helena.

January 16, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" of your Mint for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, as required by the Regulations.

In preparing the statement you will follow as nearly as possible the form used in Table No. 10 page 36 of my Annual Report for 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Mr. U. Davis, Esq., C. J. Bowles, Esq.,
 Supt U. S. Mint Assayer in Charge,
 New Orleans. Charlotte.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge Assay Office.
 Helena.

January 16, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th instant with enclosures in relation to the instructions contained in my letter of the 14th ultimo.

As stated in my dispatch of this date the instruction given you on the 14th ultimo to calculate the charges on the full amount of deposits was intended to apply only to deposits for coin, and it

was not intended that you should calculate Mint charges on the slips of bullion deposited for bars.

It is true that there will be some little loss to your institution in converting these slips into coin when you send them forward at the close of the year for the purpose of having the resulting coin deposited to your credit, but this small loss can be paid from your profit and loss account.

The entries in the accounts embraced in your letter illustrating in detail the entries which will appear in your quarterly accounts in complying with my instruction to take credit each quarter for the exact amount of charges deducted by the Mint, appear to correctly exhibit the transaction.

I would say however that it is not necessary to make the adjustment entries with your profit and loss account quarterly, unless you prefer to do so. You could so regulate your shipments as to have a balance in your Collection Account and due you from the Philadelphia Mint, at the close of the quarter until the last quarter in the year when the differences in assay and deductions for charges between your institution and the Philadelphia Mint during the year could be settled in your profit and loss account.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Jan'y 16, 1852

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th, inst, asking whether I desire the deductions on each bar to be entered in the book of the Register of We-

posits, or whether aggregate deductions for the whole amount of purchases from each seller at the foot of columns will answer my purpose.

Understanding your inquiry to relate to the Register of Deposits books for the last and previous quarters, which were returned to you, I answer, that the entries in those books should conform in this respect to the entries which were made in the weigh-clerk's book, of which as I explained to you in my letter of the 6th inst., it is to be nearly a duplicate. If the deductions on the weigh-clerk's book were made on the aggregate weight of a number of bars, the Register of Deposits book must, of course, have the same entries.

I have assumed that the weight of each deposit, as stated on the abstracts, and on the assay reports, will be found to agree with the true weight as entered upon the weigh-clerk's book, from which they are taken. If this is not the case, the method of making the entries hereafter in the weigh-clerk's book should be changed, and when the books of the Register of Deposits are returned, I can advise you whether any objections occur to me in regard to the method of keeping these books.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierce C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Jan'y 16. 1882

Sir:

I return herewith the Official Bond of Philip V. R. Van Wyck as Chief clerk of your institution executed in the sum of \$5,000, and bearing date

of the 12th instant.

As the bond of his predecessor Mr. Floyd was for \$10,000 and as the duties of the Chief Clerk are very responsible, especially in the absence of the Superintendent, I think that the bond should be for at least \$10,000.~ As the sureties have each qualified in the sum of \$10,000.~ a change in the amount of the bond will not necessitate the preparation and execution of new Affidavits.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the interlineation in the Certificate of the Clerk of the Court which impairs its value.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

January 16, 1882

Instructions of fourteenth ultimo not intended to apply to deposits for bars. No additional charge should be made on the slip taken from such deposits and no change in Form No. 2, B. necessary. Better by mail.

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint,
New Orleans.

January 16, 1882

Sir:

The increase in the compensation of the workmen in the Coiners Department of your Mint, submitted in your communication of the 11th inst is disapproved.

There is no reason given by yourself or the Acting Coiner, why the pay of these workmen should

be increased at the present time, and as your expenses for wages of workmen during the first six months of the current fiscal year have amounted to one half of the amount appropriated, I would not feel justified in approving this increase of expenses.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford Esq.

Supt Mint, Carson.

Jan'y 16. 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 469, for \$1,235⁰⁴, being on account of Refinery earnings for December 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be credited into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for Barting's refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. John Sherman,

Senate Chamber.

Jan'y 16. 1882.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you the data in regard to the coinage of silver at the United States Mints from 1870 to 1873 and the export of domestic coin by ports and countries.

A statement might be useful in investigating the disposition of silver dollars showing the import and re-export of silver coin but I have not had time to prepare it. I also send you a statement showing the amount of silver dollars

returned by the Philadelphia Mint to the New York Assay Office during the year 1872, as appears from the quarterly accounts to be used in the payments of silver deposits at that office.

There was, in that year deposited at the New York Assay Office \$2,868,986.74 of silver, of which \$2,404,695.88, was United States bullion.

The Assay Office made fine silver bars of the value of \$2,267,940.80. The United States Mint at Philadelphia received \$1,507,173.18, in bars manufactured probably at the New York Assay Office, for which it returned silver dollars or subsidiary silver coin.

Respectfully,
Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

Coinage of Silver Coin.

	1870.	1871.	1872.	
Philadelphia	\$ 576,150	\$ 657,625	\$ 1,109,435	293,600
San Francisco				
Carson	12,158	304	3,526	2,800
	588,308	657,929	1,112,961	295,900
				} silver dollars
Philada.	576,810.50	498,630.25	869,892.55	1,663,090.50
San Francisco	594,500.00	746,775.00	953,500.00	84,800.00
Carson	7,635.00	62,570.00	91,450.50	220,785.00
	1,178,945.50	1,297,975.25	1,916,873.05	1,968,675.50
				} subsidiary

Exports of U. S. Silver Coin from the Ports named.

	1870	1871	1872.	1873
Baltimore	19,740	\$ 25,550	\$ 3,200	\$ 8,199
Boston	5,000	28,962	10,285	7,650
Key West				
Detroit	125	3,985		
New Haven	155,700	303,000	27,000	30,000
New Orleans	197,570	47,563	20,155	9,680

	1870	1871	1872	1873
New York	3,042,894	2,106,875	1,543,327	1,511,097
Philad ^a	7,000	17,000	539	
San Francisco	110,000	2,000	81,000	107,816
New London	11,300	860	75	
Paso del Norte	5,000			
	3,554,329	2,535,765	1,691,081	1,674,442

Exports of U. S. Silver Coin to the Countries named.

	1870	1871	1872	1873
England	80,000	1,154,553	871,809	167,327
Cuba	141,587	94,260	180,542	80,204
Porto Rico	598,060	695,371	62,381	41,178
U. S. Columbia	153,092	156,861	571,036	60,524
Hayti	19,611	339,120	185,422	149,458
Central America	419,981	27,404	225,436	90,066
French Posses.			26,000	
Mexico	19,946	18,500	25,000	76,544
San Domingo			37,864	3,380
Danish W. I.	120,326	6,136	10,749	76,000
France	1,560,978	6,300	7,000	30,450
Sandwich Is.	39,000			23,000
Venezuela	27,000	6,190	5,707	287,890
Germany	185,581	3,100	4,370	11,400
British W. I.	25,869	950	2,200	16,500
All Other	3,125	27,000	46,055	60,191
Peru	172,269			
	3,554,329	2,535,765	1,691,081	1,674,442

January 16, 1882

Statement of the value of silver bullion forwarded from the Assay Office at New York to the Mint at Philadelphia during the fiscal year 1872, returns for which were made in, viz:

Silver Dollars	862,854.02
Fractional Silver Coin	773,260.99
	1,686,115.01

W. B. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Jan'y, 17, 1882

Sir:

In the statement of silver purchased at your Mint from December 27th to 31st, enclosed in your letter of the 10th instant, your attention is respectfully called to the fact that the number of fine ounces parted from gold is stated as 7.616.97, when it should be 6.169.76 fine ounces.

I have noted the necessary corrections on the statement, which I do not think it necessary to return.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Denver.

Jan'y 17, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for stationery enclosed in your letter of January 13, 1882, has been approved in a modified form and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. A. London Snowden,

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philad^a

Jan'y 17, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish me with two complete sets (proof) of United States coins from the Double eagle to the one cent piece, except-

ing the trade dollar, for transmission to the Chinese Government.

As the proof coins for 1882 probably have not been prepared, those of 1881, will answer. Please cause them to be placed in a neat and suitable case, and transmitted, together with your account to this Office.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans,

Jan'y 17, 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans

Jan'y 17, 1882

Have you purchased silver as requested by Agent of Boston and Colorado Company, at the rates you are authorized to purchase daily lots of less than ten thousand ounces. Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Jan. 17, 1882

Please send statements of deposits and purchases for December.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.

January 17, 1882

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

In order that the accounts of your Mint may accurately show the amount of silver bullion in the Mint procured or available for the coinage of silver you are authorized and directed to cause the silver parted from gold deposits to be entered in the Silver Bullion Purchase Account, and to be reported monthly on form 193, as silver purchased for coinage.

You are also authorized and directed to cause the silver bullion retained for charges on silver deposited for bars, unless needed for the immediate payment of depositors, to be transferred quarterly from the Silver Bullion Deposit Account to the Silver Bullion Purchase Account, and to be reported in the closing month of each quarter, on form 193, as silver purchased at the rate paid or allowed depositors therefor at present one dollar per standard ounce.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

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